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Violence Prevention week is recognized on campus at UMass Lowell

Silent vigil against violence

Spectrum sets up violence graveyard on South quad.

by Genevieve Hubbard
Connector Editor

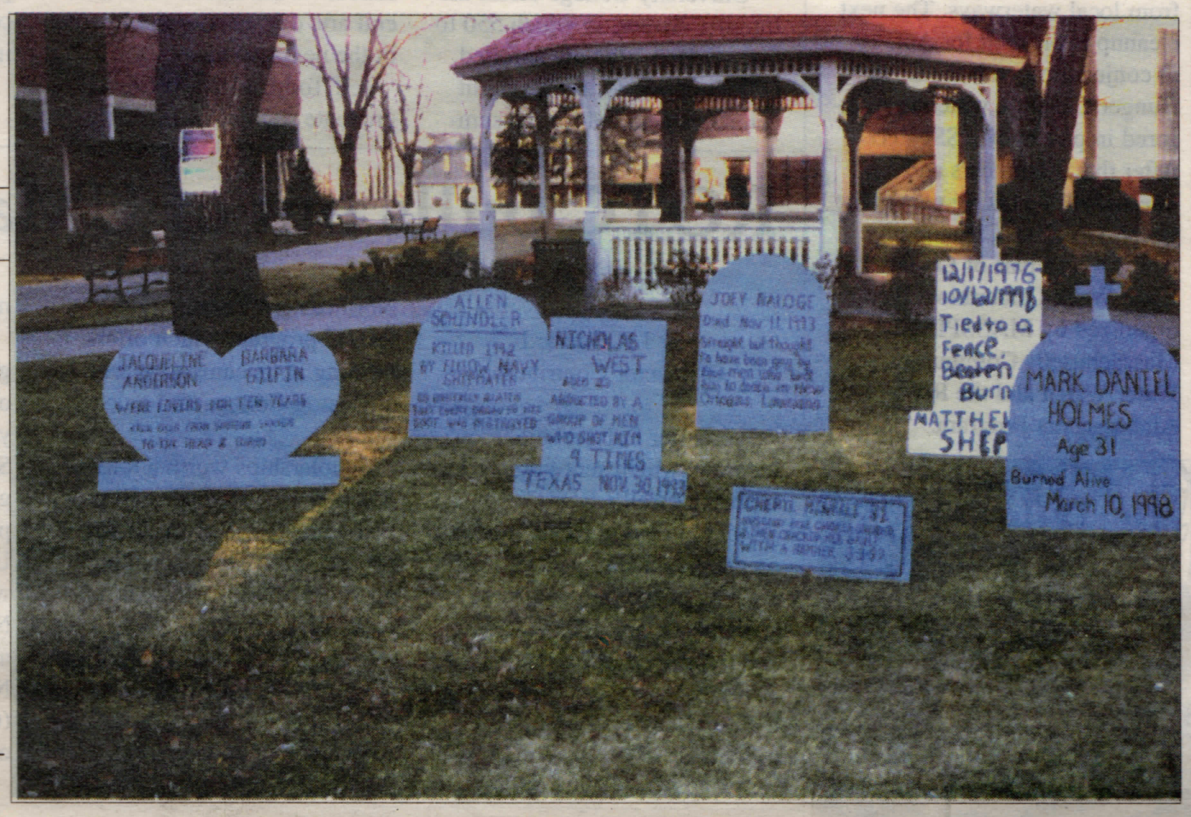

Photo by Genevieve Hubbard

Mock graveyard on South campus quad.

Anyone walking through the quad on South Campus this week got a small surprise; there was a graveyard in front of the gazebo!

Spectrum, UMass Lowell's Gay, Lesbian, Bi and Straight ally set up the plywood graveyard for Violence Prevention Week. All of the people whose graves were represented died from some sort of violence. It was set up by the group to promote non-violence to all groups, not just the GLBT community.

Rebecca Sosvielle, Spectrum's secretary said, "The purpose of the graveyard was not a 'gay' thing. We sought to enlighten people both gay and straight, as was evident in the stone in the front, Cheryl Minnelli, a woman beaten to death by her husband." Other stones included victims of racial violence and religious persecution.

The only wish from many Spectrum members is that more activities would have been organized for Violence Prevention week. "Violence is still very much a problem in our society that can not be ignored. Making awareness and prevention is a must," said Robert Rodney, Spectrum president.

Violence is not a black, white, gay, straight, man or woman problem; it is a collective problem. It is one that requires a collective solution.

For more information on how you can be part of the solution, contact Spectrum at x5081.

Bomb scare at Southwick

Photo by Genevieve Hubbard

Southwick Hall, where the bomb scare happened.

Laser pointer in pipe causes bomb scare at Lowell.

by Greg Sheehan
Connector Contributor

An object resembling a pipe bomb caused chaos at UMass Lowell's North Campus last Tuesday.

The object was found in Southwick Hall at approximately 6:15 pm. Police were called and informed that the object was left on a desk. UMass police as well as Lowell police, fire, and EMT crews responded.

The police evacuated the premises in accordance with current evacuation regulations, and the State Bomb Squad was called in to investigate the "bomb." The Bomb Squad took the pipe out and shot it with a water cannon, rendering the "bomb" inert. According to the police report, the pipe was constructed to look like a bomb, but no explosives were found.

According to the department of continuing education, on Thursday, Mar. 25 at 5:15, a professor called the office of continuing education informing them that the pipe was his. He used it to hold his laser pointer.

No ID required

Bill might ban alcohol from UMass.

by Alfred Williams
Connector Contributor

The state legislature is considering a bill that would ban alcohol consumption on state school campuses. This is a change from current UMass Lowell policy, which allows drinking on campus only in the rooms of students who are 21 years or older. State Rep. Frank Hynes, a Democrat and a former Catholic priest representing the towns of Marshfield and Scituate in Plymouth County is sponsoring the bill.

The bill was introduced in the wake of many alcohol-related deaths in the state of Massachusetts. One death was a student of UMass Amherst. This has led some people to speculate that stricter controls are necessary to contain binge drinking on state campuses and regulate underage drinking.

Christine McKenna, a spokesperson for the UMass

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Brook clean-up

by Jeff Todd
Connector Staff

On Saturday, 32 students from UMass Lowell and Middlesex Community College held a river cleanup along the Black Brook on Westford and Baldwin Streets in Lowell Highlands. In three hours, volunteers and interns removed approximately 20 tires, a few shopping carts and numerous large appliances out of the brook and the surrounding areas. The cleanup's organizers estimate that they removed at least five tons of trash from the area. During the cleanup, several local children, who were playing in the nearly field, stopped to help in the cleanup effort.

"You should have seen the disgusting mounds of trash we picked up. It was an eye-opener. It was sad to think that neighborhood kids play in these conditions," according to Connector Photo Editor, Genevieve Hubbard, who participated in the clean-up.

This was the second of five cleanups planned this semester by Massachusetts Community Water Watch and the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MASSPIRG). By the end of April, cleanup efforts will have removed approximately 30 tons of trash from local waterways. The next cleanup is planned for Apr. 10, in conjunction with the Lowell Hunger Cleanup, which is sponsored in part by MASSPIRG. After that, volunteers and interns will be taking part in the Great American Cleanup on Apr. 17, as a part of Lowell's Earth Week Celebration, being organized by MASSPIRG, Massachusetts Community Water Watch and the River Ambassadors Program.

Photo by Genevieve Hubbard
Members of MASSPIRG at the brook cleanup.

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Back to school for the ages

Michael Morrison
Connector Contributor

When many people think of college, they envision themselves attending when they are 18 to 24 years old. But sometimes people attend college later in their lives, and several students are above the average age at UMass Lowell.

One woman, a sophomore at 32, said, "I remember my first day back in a classroom. Here I was 31 years old, sitting in a room with a bunch of kids who were 19 or 20 years old. I was as old as the instructor. I remember going home to my husband and telling him I didn't want to go back. Then he reminded me that the people I work for were paying for half of my classes."

That seems to be the case with many adults attending college at a later age. One student said, "I'm a senior now and I am 30 years old. In my early twenties I got a job doing accounting for a big firm in Boston. At the time I was making good money for my age, but I had no degree. I left that place and got a new job for a little more money doing the same thing. The place I'm with now offered to give me a great raise if I completed college. To go along with that they're paying for 1/3 of my education."

Another student, 36, who will graduate next semester, said he has to wear several different hats throughout the course of the day. "It's been a hard road to follow," he said, "especially when you have so many different things pulling you every which way. In the course of a day. I go from being student to employee, to father, to husband. I wake up and do it all over again every day. But in the long run it's worth it."

Furthering your education at any age is a good thing. It's unfortunate everyone doesn't get the opportunity to broaden their knowledge.

Cyber studies at UMass

by Kristen Sardynski
Connector Editor

UMass Lowell was recently acclaimed in the Boston Business Journal as "one college boldly embracing distance learning." Distance learning, which offers standard full credit courses on the Internet, has been offered at Lowell's campus since 1996.

University College offers the Internet classes, in which 550 to 600 students are now enrolled. UMass currently has 29 credit courses scheduled for the summer of 1999.

According to the UMass Lowell cyber-ed web site, the classes allow "students and faculty to use the world wide web, e-mail, chat and other Internet resources to review assignments, collaborate on projects, collect reference materials and complete homework.

Jacqueline Moloney, Dean of University College, told the Boston Business Journal that the school would like to offer a liberal arts degree over the Internet in the next two years.

Jeff Todd, a UMass Lowell graduate student, is currently enrolled in a cyber-ed course at UMass Lowell called Open, Flexible and Distributed Learning. Half of the students in the class are taking the class through UMass Lowell, and the other half are studying from Finland.

Todd said, "It is interesting to communicate with students who are eight time zones away."

Todd also said that students enrolled in the classes are supplied with quality tutoring support which is crucial to success in the classes.

ROTC pulls out of UMass Lowell

by J.P. Guerard
Connector Contributor

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, which sent trainers for UMass Lowell's ROTC program, has ceased ROTC activity on campus due to lack of interest. The program had offered students a chance become a commissioned officer in the US Army.

Remaining options include training at W.P.I. or joining Northeastern University's ROTC program which offers training at its campus as well as at Boston College and Salem State.

Scholarships worth a total of $16,000 are awarded each year, and winners are given $1,950 tax-free per year in spending and book money. There is a competition for the scholarships, and special nurse's scholarships are given out on a different allotment basis (scholarships are more available to nursing majors).

W.P.I. still has a strong program that commissions good officers into the Army every year. The Professor of Military Science at Northeastern was a graduate of W.P.I. and its ROTC program about 20 years ago. UMass Lowell students who would like to look into Northeastern University as an alternative can contact the Northeastern ROTC office at (617) 373-2372 to talk to someone about enrollment.

UMass library update

by Jeff Todd
Connector Staff

Members of the Graduate Student Association (GSA) met with Dr. Franckowiak, Director of Libraries at UMass Lowell, to discuss problems which have concerned the graduate student body. At the meeting, several plans were announced to improve library services.

The library is setting up a new automated system which will allow students to retrieve information about the availability of library books over the phone. Students would also "probably" be allowed to renew at least one library book over the phone. This system is scheduled to be implemented this summer.

The library is also working to introduce Direct Patron Initiated Inter-Library Loan via the World Wide Web. This would allow students to order books from any of the Boston Library Consortium member libraries directly. The system would also allow students to determine the shelf status of books in those libraries.

Despite the good news on these and other initiatives to improve library services, little progress was made on students' concerns about library hours and staff shortages which cause the library to close early. During semester break, the library closed at 5 pm on week days, but was closed all day on both Saturdays and one of the Sundays of break. On one weekday afternoon during break, approximately 60 students were forced to leave the library. Colleen Brady, an undergraduate student said, "I live in Lowell and have work to do over break. I think the library should be open so that work can get done. There are so many resources there that students need to use."

Many students arrived after 5 pm and on the weekends to find locked doors.

According to students who attended the meeting with Dr. Franckowiak, the library depends on work study students to cover evening hours instead of more expensive part-time employees. There are often staffing problems at the beginning of the year and on holiday weekends because of this dependence on work study students. This however does not explain the early closing hours during break and over the summer.

More library improvements including free microfilm and microfiche copies were discussed. They used to cost 25¢. Over 100 electronic databases will be made available. The library will look into the purchase of scanners, and more network terminal connections will be made available for notebook computers at both the North and South Libraries.

The students who met with Dr. Franckowiak were Vinod Menon, Chandana Mahadeswaraswamy, Robert Gregory and GSA President Sagar Shah.

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Midterms are over, spring break has come and gone, and soon it will be time for finals. Although the semester will be over before you know it, it's never too late to get some help in a class that may be giving you a hard time. The University offers tutoring in a wide range of subjects on both North and South Campus at the Centers for Learning. If the subject you need help in is not on the schedule, just ask. Often a tutor can be found to help.

The tutors that are available are fellow students. Tutoring is available in informal one-on-one sessions or in larger group sessions. Many times reviews are offered before a big exam and samples of old exams are often distributed and used for discussion. The review sessions are very popular and many students feel that they offer the perfect opportunity for questions and helpful hints. The Center also distributes lecture notes for Physics I along with homework solutions for Physics I, Chemistry II and Logic Design. These handouts are very helpful.

Some faculty members from the math and physics departments have "office hours" at the Centers on North Campus.

This is a great time to ask them about a homework problem or a concept that you might not have understood. Tutoring is also available in high-risk courses on a more structured basis, called Supplemental Instruction. This semester SI help is available in Calculus I.

Professor	Dept	Day	Time
Dr. Levasseur	Mathematics	Mon.	12:00-1:00 pm
Dr. Levasseur	Mathematics	Wed.	10:00-11:00 am
Paul Frisoli	Mathematics	MWF	10:30-12:30 pm
Dr. Pennell	Mathematics	Wed.	10:30-11:30 am
Dr. Karakashian	Physics	Thurs.	1:30-2:30 pm
Dr. Goodhue	Physics	Thurs.	6:00-8:00 pm

The tutoring center on North Campus is located on the third floor of Southwick Hall in room 321 and on South Campus on the third floor of O'Leary Library. Tutoring is available from 8:30 am until 8:00 pm on most weeknights, and on Sunday from 6:00-9:00 pm. In addition, there is tutoring that is open to all students on the 16th floor of Fox Hall Sunday through Wednesday nights from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Schedules are published every week. Drop by and pick one up, or find it on the internet at: http://class.uml.edu. Tutoring is free and is available on a drop in basis. If you have any questions contact Bill Pero at x2458.

Disability services

by Joseph O'Neill
Connector Staff

The University has several important people working for it. One of the most vital of which is Beth Donaghey, the Director of Disability Services. Donaghey said, "the ADA of 1990 made it necessary for UML to have a full time leader for the physically disabled."

The main reason Donaghey got into this area of work was because her brother has Downs Syndrome. Donaghey takes pride in that she "can understand him." She genuinely loves and cares for him.

According to Donaghey, the population of the physically disabled students is 85. They are either blind, hearing impaired, in wheel chairs or have some other condition that makes it difficult for them. The school provides services to the students such as readers.

"I really like to see the amount of growth that a student has," said Donaghey about her favorite part of the job.

"Able bodied people sometimes don't know how to deal with someone who is blind for example. They almost seem afraid of the blind person," Donaghey said laughing.

Donaghey pointed out "some of the most humorous people at the university are the disabled students. They know how to say the magic thing to ease the moment."

Repeatedly Donaghey said how much she enjoys her job. She graduated in 1982 from UMass with a BA in English and she also was in the Education Administration.

Donaghey does her best to make everyone feel like real people. She says, "I try to tell them, you can do it, I know you can."

She said, "They have a great attitude about life even with their disability, that they have to contend with."

Donaghey is someone you should have no problem talking with if something is troubling you. She says "The kids around the university are great and make it worth coming to work every day."

Hacker hates WJUL

Photo by Genevieve Hubbard

Mystery hacker takes time to pose for Connector.

by Jeff Todd
Connector Staff

The UMass Lowell postoffice server was broken into by an on-line intruder on Friday afternoon. The mystery intruder sent an e-mail to all students who have a student.uml.edu account. The e-mail was a complaint about the musical tastes of the students who run WJUL, the radio station here on campus.

The message was sent to a distribution list of students under the name of Dick DesRoches, the UML Postmaster. DesRoches stated in an email sent later on Friday, "This message was not sent by me. We are checking this security problem and will have it fixed shortly. Until then you should be suspicious of any messages sent to that distribution list."

According to Oren Novotny, who has been nominated as Electronic Media Editor for the Connector, "If someone gains root access to a computer server by any number of means, then that intruder has total access to the system. This system probably was not updated with the latest security patches. All the intruder really has to do is keep up with computer security bulletins and exploit them to find the weakness in the UML postoffice server."

Because the crime was commited so late on Friday afternoon, the Academic Computing Center was unavailable for comment before the Connector deadline for this issue.

Spectrum attends governor's conference

by Genevieve Hubbard and
Alfred Williams
Connector Staff

On Thursday Mar. 25, representatives of UMass Lowell's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered organization, Spectrum, attended a conference given by The Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth. Northern Essex Community College hosted the event at the Haverhill campus and focused on what schools are doing to make their campuses safe for GLBT youth.

The biggest topic of the day was not identifying problems, but sharing ideas on what can be done about them. The problems include intolerance, violence, lack of role models, discrimination, suicide and others.

One of the first steps made in working on a solution happened in 1992, when Governor William Weld, through executive order, created The Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth. The Commission was a response by Weld and Lt. Governor Paul Cellucci to help prevent issues that threaten GLBT youth in Massachusetts. It is the first commission of its kind in the United States.

The Commission has put a number of programs into place to address these and other problems faced by GLBT community. The Mar. 25 conference was one of these programs and was entitled the "1999: Four Conferences for the Millennium" series. These conferences are designed to raise awareness and promote tolerance.

UMass Lowell will host the next conference, "GLBT for College and Beyond," in the O'Leary library (Rm. 222) on Apr. 10. The conference will address the issues of GLBT persons in Graduate school and the workplace. For more information contact Spectrum at ex. 5081.

Student stress

by Mike Cormier
Connector Contributor

The number one complaint of college students is stress. Stress can be the most serious problem that some students face, and it often leads to physical pain such as neck, lower back, and stomach aches. New studies by an expert in the field, Dr. Jeff Greenfield, suggest that stress can lead to short term memory loss.

Students of UMass Lowell are no exception to the rise in stress. Most students have found that it is a difficult task to succeed here as well as balance a job and social life. It is not suprising that the levels of stress seem to vary by majors. Many students in the technical programs find their major extremely stressful.

"It is very hard to balance a full schedule with my job," one mechanical engineering student said.

Other students in the Criminal Justice and Health programs found their major to be relatively light, until the stress of finals. One CJ student said, "I only really get stressed when there is a paper due or a final."

Stress management is a key to succeeding in school or in the workplace, and professionals have found basic ways to cope with stress. As a leading expert in college stress management, Dr. Greenfield says that stress is, "All about attitude."

Some keys to dealing with stress are time management, exercise, a regular sleeping schedule, and regular participation in recreational activities. It is important to remember that substance abuse is not a stress management tool. Substance abuse only adds to stress. By dividing up time, giving themselves plenty of time to complete a project or paper, and saving plenty of personal relaxation time, students can begin to lower their stress levels.

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Dick Sawyer

by Joshua Sarro
Connector Staff

Dick Sawyer is an undergraduate at UML majoring in music. What makes him different from the thousands of other students at UML is that he has a degree that he earned in 1957 and is retired from a career in chemistry. Sawyer is a long time music enthusiast who has decided to come back to college to pursue his interest.

"Out of high school I was faced with a choice between chemistry and music," says Sawyer. This time the choice was for his first love. Sawyer says his family is completely supportive of his decision. Sawyer is not the only music enthusiast in his family. One of his sons was a music minor in college.

A lot has changed in colleges over the past 40 years, according to Sawyer. He said, "It is more friendly than when I was first in school." He also feels that computers and the Internet allow students to be more aware of what is happening in the world.

Sawyer is enjoying his stay at UML and says he likes both the faculty and the students. He hopes to graduate this spring with a BA in music.

Not easy being versatile

by Kara Boisvert
Connector Contributor

Being an academic scholar is not easy for students who are involved in many other activities throughout the school year.

Tara Turrell-Zaino, a 20 year old junior at UMass Lowell, is a Psychology major with a minor in Business. Last semester, she achieved her highest GPA ever, a 3.8, and now maintains a 3.2 cumulative GPA. Turrell-Zaino said, "I am striving to be in the top 10% of my class. It is important to me that I get the best grades possible in order to attend a good graduate school." She currently takes five classes and was recently inducted into Psi Phi were she serves as secretary of UMass Lowell's chapter.

In the fall Turrell-Zaino plays field hockey, and during the off season, the team stays in shape with early morning workouts. The field hockey team also participates in spring tournaments, which makes field hockey a year round activity, just like academics.

Turrell-Zaino participates in other activities with her team members including Kid's Night Out, Girls Inc., and WINGS, which was started by fellow alumni field hockey player Shannon LeBlanc. These activities allow her to be a role model for younger generations. She is also a member of the ALANA (African Latino Asian Native American) Group and the Sub Committee Student Advisory, which consists of athletes who deal with education awareness for freshman, athletic changes and other issues.

Turrell-Zaino maintains a part time job, a car payment, and credit card bills. During the school year she works about 30 hours a week. "I have a car payment, but I try not to use my credit cards, and I put any extra money I have away in the bank," said Turrell-Zaino.

Turrell-Zaino said, "I wake up in the morning around six for morning workouts. I go to classes everyday, and come back to my suite and study. I eat when I get a chance, but most of my time is spent studying."

Turrell-Zaino feels it is hard to keep in touch with all of her friends. "I have three really good friends," said Turrell-Zaino. "One of them is my roommate who keeps me motivated." Her roommate is an Exercise Physiology major, which is considered one of the most difficult majors at UMass Lowell, so she also understands how important it is to study.

Turrell-Zaino still dedicates some personal time on Wednesday and Thursday nights to watch her favorite TV shows, *Dawson's Creek* and *ER*, with her suite mates. She has a boyfriend that she talks to everyday, and she also keeps in touch with her parents. When she has free time, her hobbies include writing poetry and skiing.

Turrell-Zaino said, "It's all about prioritizing. I don't party every weekend; I work instead. I study everyday. I workout which helps relieve stress."

Turrell-Zaino has set her goals high, but she is convinced that sacrificing the college party scene will pay off in the end, and she is proud of herself and her achievements so far. "I was never an academic scholar in high school, but college is changing all that. I want to the best that I can," said Turrell-Zaino.

Turrell-Zaino will turn 21 this summer, but she says it will not change her life too much because she knows what is important right now. The bars will always be there, but now she is concentrating on school. After graduating from UMass Lowell in 2000, Turrell-Zaino plans to attend George Washington University in Washington D.C., and hopes to become a forensic psychologist for the FBI.

1999 Hunger Cleanup

by M.M. Pirg
Connector Contributor

On Saturday, Apr. 10 MASSPIRG and SGA will sponsor the 1999 Lowell Hunger Cleanup, a one-day community service work-a-thon in which student volunteers raise money while working with programs for the hungry and homeless. Similar to a walk-a-thon, the Cleanup, sponsored nationally by the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, mobilizes thousands of students across the country who gather hourly pledges from family and friends for their volunteer work in local shelters and community kitchens. Volunteer projects this year will include painting local shelters, planting gardens for low-income families in Lowell, and refurbishing low-income housing units.

As problems of hunger and homelessness continue to plaque our communities here are some startling facts to consider:

Worldwide, 34,000 children under age five die every day from hunger and preventable diseases-that's 24 children every minute.

The United States is one of the richest nations in the world, yet 3,000,000 Americans are homeless and 27,000,000 are hungry, 12,000,000 of which are hungry children.

Thirty eight percent of the homeless are families with children, and 1,000,000 school-aged children are homeless.

Families with children also make up the fastest growing members of the homeless population, even though homeless men may be more visible on city streets.

Approximately 19% of the homeless population is employed.

In Massachusetts alone, 60,000 people live at or below the poverty line.

We, as the UMass-Lowell community, can play an enormous role in helping to reduce this problem in Lowell. We need to develop healthy communities where each of us feels responsible for ourselves and cares for our neighbors, and where individuals take an active role in decisions that are made on-campus and in our communities. Students can provide leadership, vision, and action to solve problems and provide services at the local level and to advocate for sustainable choices at the local and national levels.

Participating in the Lowell Hunger Cleanup is just one way that you can take action to fight problems of hunger and homelessness her in Lowell. If you are interested, call X4883 or stop by the MASSPIRG office (McGauvran 337) ASAP. The Office of Community Service and the Community Service Organization are already doing great work to improve the Lowell community and can be contacted for community service opportunities as well.

Lastly, we would like to extend a big thank you to all of the volunteers in Fox Hall on Tuesday evening who helped to make 200 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches; they were delivered to a local shelter later that evening and greatly appreciated.

Where are the books?

by Heather A. Lawson
Connector Contributor

Students often go to the UML Barnes and Noble Bookstores to buy books and can not find them, but they leave without inquiring as to where the books are. Text Book Manager Dave Jones explained why books are not always in stock, how long they are on the shelves and what students can do if they miss the book-buying deadline.

According to Jones, if a student can not find a book, he should "ask an employee as to whether or not the book is in stock." If it is not, there are different reasons as to the cause.

One reason, especially true in night classes, is that a professor may not be told he is to teach a course until the last moment. Therefore, the book order is made only a short time before the class begins and the shipment does not come in on time.

Another reason for the delay could be problems at the publisher's end. The book may be out of stock or even out of print. Bad weather could also delay shipments coming in from other areas of the country.

Often, professors request that a book be kept at the center desk (North Campus bookstore). When students can not find it on the shelves they go back to the professor and say that the book is not in, when it really is. Asking for assistance can save a lot of time and trouble.

Once the books are on the shelves they remain there for the first four to five weeks of class. Before they are sent back to publishers, the Bookstore notifies professors that they are returning the books. The Bookstore also puts up notices around the store for students to see. At the request of the professor, the Bookstore will keep the books on the shelves longer than the four to five week period.

If the book has already been sent back to the publisher, the Bookstore is more than happy to special order any book for the student. The Bookstore staff is always willing to answer any questions students may have.

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Opinions & Letters

Want To Lose $

by Keyur Patel

Does anyone know what it feels like to loose $288 in one night? Well on January 6, 1999, I experienced that feeling. Many may think that I probably lost it by gambling, or maybe I lost my wallet or paycheck. That was not the case. I lost it by taking a Winter Intersession course. Let me tell you the whole story.

A friend of mine and I wanted to take a computer science related course, so I talked to a Computer Science professor, and showed him the Winter Intersession booklet. He advised that I should take Java programming. My friend and I registered for the course.

> **"Does anyone know what it feels like to loose $288 in one night?"**

Let's do some math: 3 credits x $160 equals $480. $480 x 2 students equals $960.

We went to class on the first day, and the professor got up in front of the class and asked if everyone knew that the prerequisite for Java is a "deep knowledge of C and C++ programming." No one raised his or her hand. Why did no one raise their hands? Because no one was told that there was a prerequisite for the class, and it is not written in the brochure where you register for the class. One of the students in the class had no knowledge of programming; his major was history and the only reason he had taken the class was just to "learn something new."

My friend and I left the class and decided that maybe we should take C++, because we would have to take a course in C++ during regular semester anyway. So we went that day (January 5) and changed to C++ Programming 92.268.002. We went to our new class, and after the class we had a talk with the professor to see make sure that we had met the prerequisites for the class. He informed us that we should have a strong background in C and that we needed to know about "objects." He said that if we tried hard we should be able to get through the course and pass.

So that left us with a decision. Should we stick it out and try to pass, or should we get out while we still had decent GPAs? We decided for the latter. What a mistake that was!

On January 6, we went to drop the course and to get a refund. We received the proper forms to drop the course, and as I was filling out the form, my friend said, "Wait! It says here we only get 40% of our money back."

I looked at the form, and he was correct. On THAT form it tells you when you can get a 100% refund, 80% refund, and 40% refund. If you drop the course before the first day of class, you get 100%. If you drop the class before the second day of class, you get 80%, and if you drop before the third day of class, you get 40%. Well that was a great time to find out, wasn't it?

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On a sour note

by Ray Brierly

Very rarely do I voice my opinion publicly about things within the school. This however, seems like a noble cause for my efforts. A great deal of music majors seem like they have lost some enthusiasm for the music program at Umass Lowell. I as a music major in my sophomore year am slowly falling into that group. My major complaints are with the state of the equipment in the building, specifically pianos.

> **"I have heard rumors of piano tuner sightings, and they may be true. . ."**

I'm not going to go into a long drawn out "Rosenfieldic" description of them, but I will tell you that they are very out of tune. This is both in the practice rooms and in the classrooms. I have heard rumors of piano tuner sightings, and they may be true, but I have never seen any of these phantom tuners myself. If they are not getting tuned, and this rumor is a myth, something needs to be done. If they are getting tuned, then there could be two possibilities for what is happening. Either the tuners are doing a poor job, or the pianos are so old and dilapidated that they can't possibly stay in tune. Fairly ironic for a music building that was designed to look like a piano.

Money, I've heard is the main reason for the lack of upkeep in the building. A good part of the music school's money was recently spent on brand new sound recording equipment. I would have no problem with this if the other more far reaching things were done first. New recording equipment is great, but it only effects the upperclassmen in the sound recording major. All of the music majors take ear training classes, and classroom pianos with keys that vary in pitch from day to day make it hard to train their ears correctly. I have also seen faculty members get frustrated with this, and it makes their jobs tougher.

I'm not quite sure what this article will accomplish. I'm not expecting to see the paper come out on Tuesday, and hear the harmonious sounds of a brand new Steinway on Wednesday, but over time it would be nice to have a piano that sounds more like a musical instrument than a laxative. If any of the readers out there can give any advice, or can help out in this matter, please do so. Thank you for your time, and Leitch hall represent!!

Bird's Eye View

by Ross Brian Rosenfeld
Connector Staff

Well, all I got t'say is "Let's get those murderin' bastids!" Yes, in case you haven't noticed, the US is bombing someone again (Why not? - we're good at it.), this time under the pseudonym of NATO. And, for once, believe it or not, I'm actually on the side of the president.

Now, in case you're not familiar with the situation over there in Kosovo, here it is in a nutshell: Ya got this guy Milosevic, the Slobodan President (and potential nutcase), who's favorite pastime is killing Muslims. He's receiving all kinds a' supplies n' destructive crappola from our friends the Russians, who, surprisingly enough, are not happy with us at the moment. Meanwhile, thousands of Muslim refugees are busy scouring the streets looking for food.

Now, that's bad.

Here's the good news, though: We're gonna show'm that we can kill even better than they can. That's right. We warned ya...Ya mess with the bull, ya get the horns. You wanna commit genocide? OK, then...We'll just bomb ya t'bloody hell, where you belong. And that's exactly what we're doin'. Yup. Right about now Supreme Commander Clark is busy gettin' his boots ready so that he can give that slimeball Milosevic a good swift kick where it counts. And why not, the murderin' bastid!

So I say, let's go full steam ahead. Let's put our money where our mouth is, rather than where Monica Lewinsky's mouth is. Let's show everyone that we mean business. - that we ain't kiddin' aroun'.

And let's watch it on TV if we can.

P.S. Last week the Connector quoted me as saying "Doesn't *trust* men anymore?," implying that I am a chauvinist. The sentence was supposed to read "Doesn't *trust* mean anything anymore?," in reference to Hillary Clinton. I am in no way a chauvinist, and would like it noted that I have nothing whatsoever against women. In fact, I wish there were more of them.

These views do not, in any way, reflect the views of the Connector or it's staff.

Campaign

by Brandon Holley
Connector Contributor

SGA elections are right around the corner, Apr. 13 and 14 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This week marks the beginning of the race with candidates canvassing the campus in search of signatures for their nomination papers. They have until Monday, Apr. 5 at 4:00 pm to submit their signatures to the SGA office, Fox Hall room 411.

Despite a somewhat rocky start, nomination packets were made available on Thursday afternoon, at SIC's on both North and South, a day after they were due. There was confusion as to where the packets could be attained especially regarding those for the Student Trustee position. However, as the dust settled on Friday candidates were already lobbying for votes.

All students are greatly encouraged to get out and vote. While it can be an inconvenience, running to and from class, voting is an essential part of civic duty both here on campus and in the community. SGA is a representative to the university's administration. One must never forget that the power to change is within our grasp.

Y2K

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We asked the person who was helping us, why we would only get 40% back, and she said that that is the policy. I was confused, because I had gone through the brochure, and if you look at the second to last page where you register for classes, it has some dates for when you get refunds. I explained to the person that it said that I had till January 11 to get 100% back. She said that that was for the following spring courses.

At that time I went back and reread the brochure. I figured that maybe I was wrong and that I may have missed something. I looked everywhere, and it turns out that there is not one place in that brochure where it says that January 11 is for spring courses. The person believed that we had a valid case, so she asked us to fill out two petitions describing our predicament and we went on our way believing that we were going to get our money back because they did not state anywhere that the deadline for 100% was the first day of class for winter courses.

On February 10 both my friend and I received a letter in the mail from the University stating that our petition was denied. The letter stated that if we had any questions, we should go see the Registration Office Manager.

Well, off we went to the Continuing Education Office. I explained the situation to the manager, and she said that "it is not our responsibility to give you every bit of information," and that "you should have come here (to the Continuing Ed office) to get all the information."

I then said, "Why does this brochure not have all the information that we need?" She stated, "This is for spring courses, and the last page is just for your convenience." She then went on to say, "You should have gone to the Winter Intersession brochure to get all the information."

So then I asked, "Where is that brochure?" At that time, I figured that maybe I really should have gone to the full 1998 Winter Intersession brochure, had there actually been one. She replied, "There isn't one. You should have come and asked us for the prerequisites and deadlines."

Anyone confused? I looked around that room thinking, "I must be losing it." The Registration Office Manger is telling me that I should have looked for all the information in a book that does not exist! I need a drink.

But seriously, she said that we should have asked someone about the prerequisites, and we should have gone to the Web site for all the information. Now, had that brochure informed me that it was just for convenience, and that I really needed to go to other sources for all the information, I would not be in this situation. I relied on the fact that the registration form for Winter Intersession was on the inside cover of the brochure, and therefore I relied on the dates that were inside that cover also. If you look at the second to last page, you will notice that it does not state anywhere that all that information is for spring courses. If anyone can prove me wrong, then please email me (keyurnpatel@collegeclub.com) immediately, and I will apologize to the Registration Office Manager.

The bottom line here is that I want someone to prove that my friend and I are wrong. Also, I would like everyone to realize that they should be careful when taking a course at this University, and also to make sure they find out all the information by themselves, because it seems that the Registration Office Manager does not think that we need all the information in writing. That last page, "for our convenience" is basically a waste of space, and also a waste of money as you can now see.

Well, it's March now, and I still have not received a penny of that $288. I will keep fighting until I get it. One last thing: if anyone can find the Winter Intersession brochure, which Continuing Education says does not exist, I'd really like to see it.

✓ this one out

by Kristen Sardynski
Connector Editor

I have been contemplating writing this opinion article for some time, but I think someone from the Connector staff should make a statement about the infamous Ross Brian Rosenfeld. Before I even begin to share my thoughts on the subject, I must tell you that even though I am the News Editor of the Connector, my following article does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Connector or my fellow staff members.

I have grown increasingly concerned about the amount of articles flowing in to the office about Ross and his "Bird's Eye View." I certainly am pleased to see the amount of students who read his articles, think they are repulsive or otherwise, and make an effort to give the student body their own opinion. However, my fear is that Ross, if he has not already, will eventually shed bad light on the Connector.

I see how hard the Connector staff works on the paper. We spend countless hours doing the best that we can with the time that we have, and we are proud of the product we produce each Tuesday. Brad Duquette(editor-in-chief) might as well live in the office.

What I would like the students to understand is that although Ross is often offensive, incorrect in his information, and lacking in grammar skills, he never fails to remind us at weekly meetings that we can not prevent him from printing his articles due to his first amendment rights. The only words that we can edit are vulgar or profane words, and a month long debate with Ross occurred over that, too.

It honestly makes me ill to see the lack of journalistic integrity that Ross has. I feel like I am a victim caught in Ross' trap, but our hands are tied. If we attempt to stop Ross from writing for the Connector, we can, by law, be sued.

I do not necessarily disagree on every topic he has discussed in his articles. Ross has made some valid points since the beginning of "Bird's Eye View." However, I disagree with the way he words his opinions and the rude way in which he comes across. I also am appalled by the way he treats some of the Connector staff members.

I would like to thank you for reading this, and hope that you understand the position the Connector is in. Please read the "Bird's Eye View" next week. I'm sure I'll be mentioned.

Ban booze

by Phil Conti
Connector Editor

I heard a rumor that there is an alcohol ban proposed for Leitch and Bourgeois halls. If this were to become a rule rather than a rumor then the residents in those dorms would be forced to either drink in other dorms or off campus. The students of legal drinking age, in these dorms, would have to go off campus to drink. This would increase the chances of a drunk driving accident. Since most of the residents in these dorms are predominately freshman, this wouldn't effect them as much for obvious reasons.

Underage residents would still smuggle alcohol into their rooms just as they always have. I lived in Leitch two years ago and there was an abundance of underage drinking happening throughout the dorm. I have been in Bourgeois too and it was just as bad. If this proposed ban did become a rule then the RAs would have to enforce their right to check all bags entering the residence halls. This would still not stop alcohol from being brought into these dorms. The students would simply start bringing it into the dorms before any RAs are on duty or they will bring it in during the day. There is no security at all during the day. Just to enforce this rule, the campus would have to hire additional security guards for day duty.

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JOSHUA'S MOVIE IN REVIEW

Porno, porno, porno,
8mm is dark, mysterious, and frightening, but what can you expect from the people who brought us *Seven*.
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Bon Jovi in *EDtv* soundtrack.

Lost and Found

Photo credit: Zade Rosenthal
Michelle Pfeiffer stars in "The Deep End of the Ocean."

by Katie Hennessy
Connector Editor

Michelle Pfeiffer lives a parent's worst nightmare in the first scenes of *The Deep End of the Ocean*. At her fifteenth high school reunion, Beth Cappadora (Pfeiffer) puts her infant daughter into the arms of a friend's baby-sitter. To register, she leaves her seven-year-old Vincent in charge of three-year-old Ben, Beth finds her beautiful blonde toddler missing.

The minutes turn into hours, days, and finally years without a sign of Ben. In despair, Beth abandons her photography career. Her restaurant-owner husband Pat (Treat Williams) blames her.

Both Beth and her troubled oldest son Vincent (*General Hospital's* Jonathan Jackson) battle depression blaming themselves for Ben's disappearance. Ben's return takes its toll on the whole family, especially Vincent.

The Deep End of the Ocean borders on perfect coincidences. Lost Ben ends up living two blocks away from the Cappadoras, after a loving adoptive father (John Kapelos) raised him for nine years.

The film explores the nature verses nurture issue with conflicts over who should keep Ben—his biological parents or his adoptive father. Ben remembers nothing of the first three years of his life. He has not attached to the Cappadoras and does not want to live with strangers.

Even in her grief, Michelle Pfeiffer radiates an ethereal beauty. Every time the veins throb on her fair forehead, viewers can feel her anguish. The amazingly talented Jonathan Jackson plays her tormented teenage son with grace and depth. The beautiful young actor strongly resembles to Pfeiffer, making the mother and son relationship more believable. Based on Jacquelyn Mitchard's best-selling 1996 novel, *The Deep End of the Ocean* incorporates deep loss and regret with Hollywood melodrama.

At the Box Office

compiled by Katie Hennessy
Connector Editor

1. Forces of Nature, $13.9 million
2. Analyze This, $11.9 million
3. True Crime, $5.3 million
4. Baby Geniuses, $4.5 million
5. Cruel Intentions, $4.2 million
6. The King and I, $4.1 million
7. The Rage: Carrie 2, $3.6 million
8. The Corruptor, $3.0 million
9. Shakespeare in Love, $2.8 million
10. The Deep End of the Ocean, $2.7 million

source: Exibitor Relations, Co.

Oscar disappoints again

by Joshua Spencer
Connector staff

Another year, another pointless Oscar show. Forget about how they snubbed Jim Carrey out of a best actor nomination for his unbelievable job in *The Truman Show*. Let's talk about how wrong was the choice for best picture.

Last year, Oscar's best picture was *Titanic* because it was the best produced, filmed and directed film. It wasn't the best acted movie. *Good Will Hunting* was and it lost.

This year the best picture went to *Shakespeare in Love*. The film was probably the best acted, but it was neither the most enjoyable nor the best to watch.

Photo credit: Laurie Sparham
Dame Judi Dench is Oscars' best supporting actress for an eight-minute performance in "Shakespeare in Love."

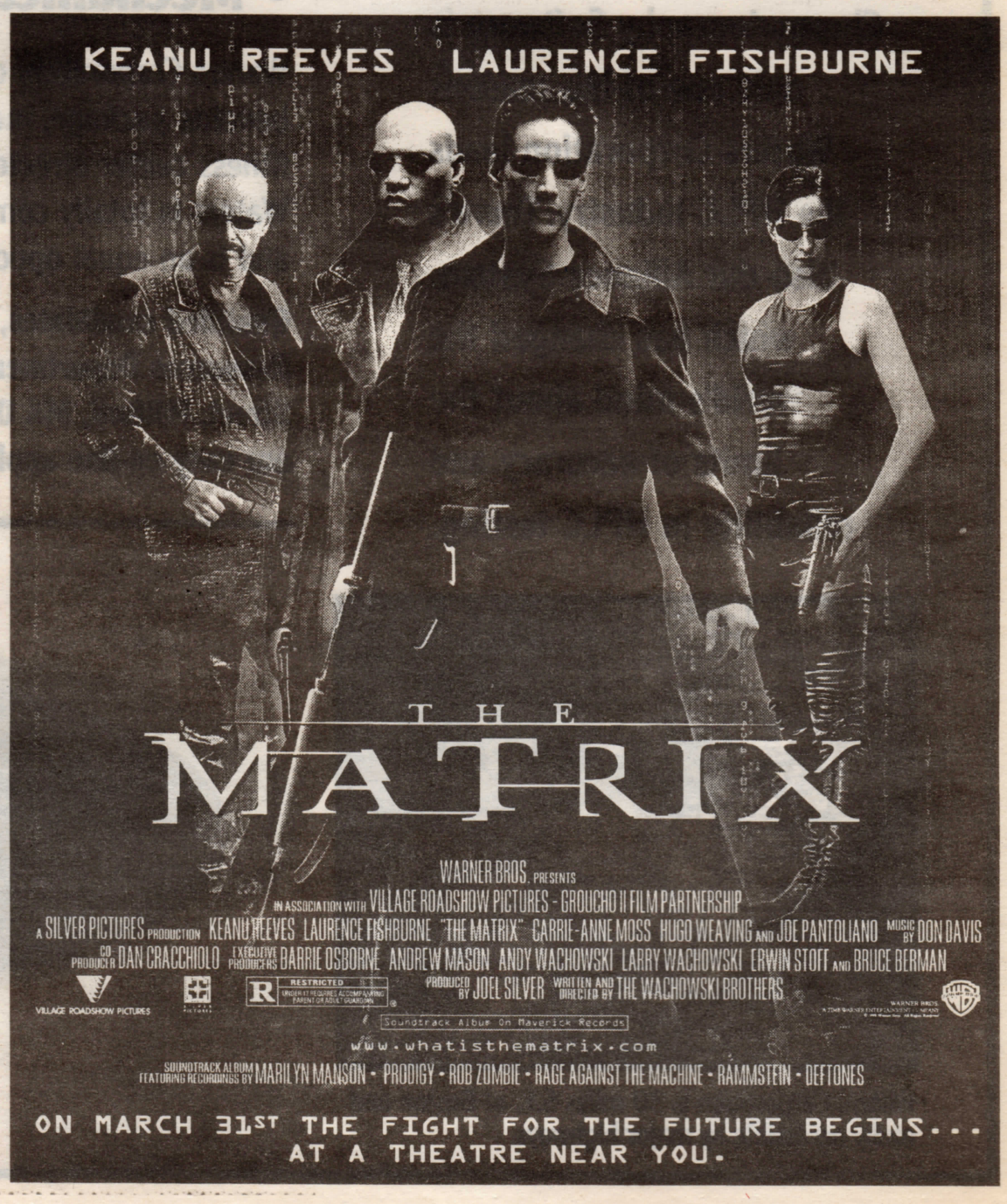
Saving Private Ryan was undoubtedly the best film of the year because it made us think about one of our greatest sorrows and celebrations. While *Shakespeare in Love* will be forgotten in a few months, *Saving Private Ryan* will last.

The largest problem with *Saving Private Ryan*, critics say, is its unimpressive script. However, Spielberg, the cast, and all the other people that worked on the film took a sub-par script and made it into a screen masterpiece.

Another Oscar flop was in the best supporting actor and actress categories. Judi Dench was in *Shakespeare in Love* for a total of eight minutes, but still came away with a statue. James Coburn received the sympathy award because he has been in movies forever. Robert Duvall in *A Civil Action* or Ed Harris in *The Truman Show* delivered far better performances.

Italian crazy-man Roberto Benigni's best actor win proved the Academy still has some spark. Benigni's off-the-wall acceptance speech brought some Oscar excitement reminiscent of *Jerry Maguire*'s Cuba Gooding Jr.'s great best supporting actor speech a few years back.

Overall, the Academy Awards were gravely disappointing. To all the winners who didn't deserve it, take a deep breath and thank god. For all the losers that deserved to win, maybe next year Mr. Spielberg.



Rock class of '99

by Katie Hennessy
Connector Editor

Every year, legends gather for an induction ceremony into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. This year, the Class of 1999 included Bruce Springsteen, Billy Joel, and ex-Beatle Paul McCartney, among seven others in the Mar. 15 ceremony.

A dampening fell upon New York's Waldorf-Astoria due to the Mar. 2 death of soulful singer Dusty Springfield. Other honorees were unable to accept awards due to death—"Runaway" crooner Del Shannon, "Merry Christmas, Baby" blues icon Charles Brown. Subsequently, the ailing "Superfly," Curtis Mayfield could not attend.

Alive and kicking legend, Paul McCartney wished his "baby to share" the award with him. Stella, his fashion designer daughter, accompanied her dad wearing a tee shirt with her own statement about McCartney's induction—"About F*cking Time!"

Sir Elton John, a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer himself, inducted the late Dusty Springfield. Melissa Etheridge offered a tribute to the late singer with a cover of the classic "Son of a Preacher Man."

Aside from Rock and Roll mortality, the evening proved a fulfilling jam session. Billy Joel performed his defiant "Only the Good Die Young." Fellow legend Ray Charles inducted the Piano Man, who joked over critics calling him "derivative."

U2's Bono presented a mostly coherent homage to the Bruce Springsteen. "It was goodbye Haight-Ashbury, hello Asbury Park," the Irish singer said of the Boss' influence. The humble New Jersey legend dedicated his honor to his mother.

As a preview to his upcoming tour with the E Street Band, Springsteen rocked out with "Tenth Avenue Freeze Out," "Promised Land," and "Backstreets."

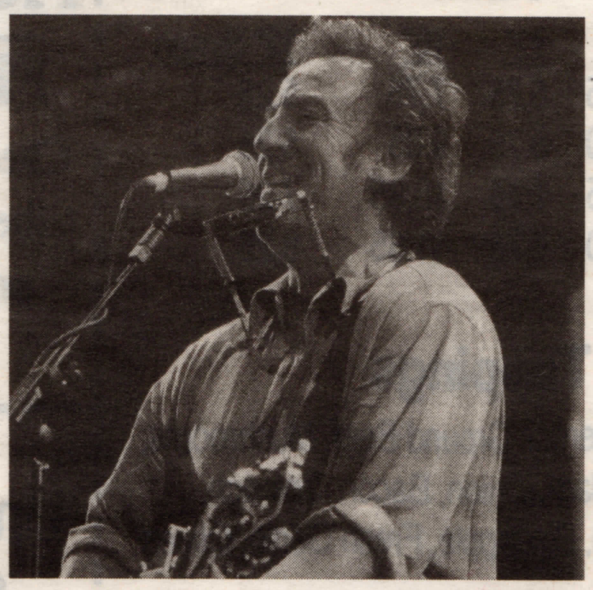


Photo credit: Jaques Brinon
Inductee Bruce Springsteen showcases his talent at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame ceremony.

Other inductees at the ceremony: Beatles' producer George Martin, the Staple Singers, and country stars Bob Wills & His Texas Playboys.

Though the annual Rock and Roll fest takes place in New York, the Hall of Fame resides in Cleveland. Artists become eligible for induction 25 years after the release of their first recording.

The concert ended with Paul McCartney's epic "Let It Be." Joined on stage by some friends including Bonnie Raitt, Eric Clapton, Etheridge, Wilson Pickett, and recent Grammy winner Lauryn Hill, the former mop top eased the sometimes-solemn evening to a close.

Cruel and unusual

by Joshua Spencer
Connector staff

Writer/director Roger Kumble creates an original teenage film*Cruel Intentions* c. Those close-minded individuals who only deal with normal life boredom will hate this film.

The film focuses on Kathryn (Sarah Michelle Gellar) and Sebastian (Ryan Phillippe), two wealthy and manipulative Manhattan teenagers who conspire in a wicked game of seduction and betrayal.

Photo credit: Melissa Mosley
Sarah Michelle Gellar stars in the highly original "Cruel Intentions."

The game hits a climax when Kathryn and Sebastian make a bet that tests young Sebastian's seductive abilities. The stakes are high because Sebastian will lose his mint 1956 Jaguar if he fails, but if he succeeds, he will gain his sexual fantasy—Kathryn.

The game's object is for Sebastian to seduce a young, virgin named Annette (Reese Witherspoon), who recently wrote an article to Seventeen magazine about how she will remain pure until she is married.

Sebastian works his charm to perfection and wins the morally willed Annette, but he is troubled by something that he has never felt before— love. Sebastian can't follow through with the bet because he is desperately in love with Annette. He tries to do everything possible to keep her in his life.

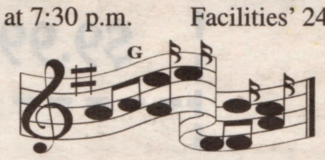
Cruel Intentions is an unbelievably original movie acted wonderfully by two of Hollywood's rising stars. Gellar and Phillippe have great chemistry in the authentic way they portray their characters. This is the best movie of the very early movie year. "Two thumbs way up."

The UMass Lowell Art Department is pleased to host an exhibition of work in a variety of media by young artists of Chelmsford High School. Showing will last from Apr. 7 to Apr. 28 in the Dugan Gallery, with a reception on Apr. 14, 2 - 4 pm.

Dr. Moylan to display CD

compiled by the Music Department

Composer and record producer William Moylan will give a special CD release concert for his new recording *Origins* on Thursday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Durgin Concert Hall.



The 'concert' will feature a presentation by Moylan, discussing the CD compositions and processes of writing and recording the album.

The album consists of his works *Dawn*, *The Stolen Child* and *Mother Earth: Her Whales*; settings of a Pawnee prayer and poetry by William Butler Yeats and Gary Snyder.

UMass Lowell faculty David Martins and Thomas Stumpf performed on the CD, and former faculty member Jean Danton is vocal soloist in all three works.

The Stolen Child was recorded in the UMass Lowell Sound Recording Technology Facilities' 24-track recording studio.

This 'concert' will present the works to the audience in a way that approximates how they were intended to be heard: in the home's living room.

Dr. William Moylan is the music department chairperson. He has been the coordinator of the University's sound recording technology program for the past 15 years.

The event is free and open to the public.

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ACT II

Lock & load

by Rob Gregory
Connector Staff

The music from *Lock, Stock and Two Loaded Barrels*, like the movie, has an edgy comedic British flair. The soundtrack contains many types of music from rock to folk and blues to techno.

As a bonus, the producers intermingled funny lines from the film that truly capture the songs' gritty style as well as the movie's tone.

Some may find the language offensive, but I found it added to the soundtrack's mood. *Listener discretion advised.* A fan of the Tarantino movie soundtracks or mood-driven music may want to give this album a listen.

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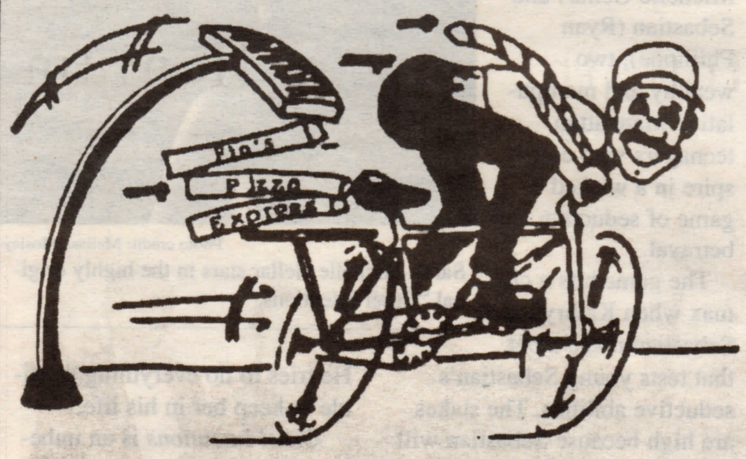

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2 Toppings	5.25	7.75	10.35	7.25
3 Toppings	5.80	8.75	11.65	8.25

Toppings

Thick Crust, Pepperoni, Ground Beef, Mushrooms, Green Peppers, Ham, Onion, Bacon, Spinach, Sausage, Broccoli, Pineapple, Fresh Garlic, Olives

Subs

	Med.	Lg.
Veggie	3.85	4.85
American	4.25	5.25
Tuna	4.25	5.25
Roast Beef	4.75	5.75
Cheese Steak	4.25	5.25
B.L.T.	4.25	5.25
Steak Bomb	4.75	5.75
Italian	4.25	5.25
Turkey	4.25	5.25
Ham & Cheese	4.75	5.75
Meatballs	4.25	5.25
Sausage	4.25	5.25
Teriyaki Cheese Steak	4.75	5.75

Salads

Chef Salad	5.25
Greek Salad	4.75
Garden Salad	3.75
Tuna Salad	4.75

Soda

Can	.75
Liter	1.25

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King Size Burnout Special
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Bag of Chips
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'Real' eclectic

Photo credit: Cynthia Levine

Bon Jovi make 'real' contributions to the "EDtv" soundtrack.

by Katie Hennessy
Connector Editor

The *EDtv* soundtrack showcases the welcome return of Bon Jovi, offering the current single, "Real Life." The film, directed by Ron Howard, centers around a man who volunteers to have his life become a live 24-hour a day TV broadcast. The up-tempo "Real Life" wonders, "Why can't it be like it is on TV?" Jon Bon Jovi's distinct vocals provide the song with an introspective power.

The disc also includes Barry White's funky classic, "Thank You (Falletin Me Be Mice Elf Again)." Apparently, the singer does not have a strict contract with Ally McBeal's Biscuit (Peter MacNicol).

Adding to the quirky mix, the Barenaked Ladies contribute their current single "Call and Answer." The sober tune likewise appears on their most recent album "Stunt." Boston native, Peter Wolf's "Turnin' Pages" is an uplifting Paul Simonesque romp.

Other offerings to the *EDtv* soundtrack include Al Green's "Here I Am (Come and Take Me)," Otis Redding's quintessential romantic classic "These Arms of Mine," and Meredith "Bitch" Brooks' "Careful What You Wish For."

Produced by Danny Bramson, music from *EDtv* supplies everything from Bon Jovi rock to James Brown soul.

Oscars rule box office

by Joshua Spencer
Connector staff

Shakespeare in Love, Saving Private Ryan, and *Life is Beautiful* cashed in this past week after being the top winners at the Oscars. Roberto Benigni and his masterpiece *Life is Beautiful* made more money this past week than any other week since its release.

Shakespeare in Love is trying to reach the $100 million dollar plateau by showing the film in over 600 theaters nationwide. *Saving Private Ryan* is doing the Oscar move as well. The film will also be shown in over 600 theaters nationwide.

Also, on the heels of their five Oscars, Dreamworks is going to release *Saving Private Ryan* on video around May 25, and it will be released for sale after Thanksgiving.

Into the new millenium

l to r: Arno Minkkinen, Harry Umen, Charlie Lemay, Brenda Pinardi, Jim Coates.

compiled by the Art Department

A fascinating look at the art of the 21st century was showcased at the University Gallery. Digital painting and photography by Cathy Cone, Dorothy Simpson Krause, Charlie Lemay, Susan Le Van, and Harry Umen demonstrated on a large scale the endless potential of this new media. The exhibition included a wide variety of approaches, including an eight by twenty foot work printed in one piece on vinyl by Harry Umen. The student art club, the Art Co-op sponsored a well attended gallery talk which was held during the reception.

Porno, Porno, Porno

By Joshua Spencer
Connector staff

8mm is one of the most disturbing movies I've seen in recent years. It is dark, mysterious, and frightening, but what can you expect from the people who brought us *Seven*.

Nicolas Cage stars as Tom Welles, a surveillance specialist who lives an everyday normal life with his wife and daughter in rural Pennsylvania. His normal life turns upside down after watching an eight millimeter pornography film showing a young girl being murdered. Welles follows the underground pornography business through Hollywood, LA, and New York City in relentless pursuit of the men who killed the innocent girl.

A street-wise pornography book store clerk Max (Joaquin Phoenix), fuels Welles' obsession. Max helps Welles discover pornography's dark side. What Welles learns is beyond his worst fears, as he comes to realize how deadly a small reel of eight millimeter tape can be.

I am not an easily frightened person and am not bothered by most films, but *8mm* got to me. If you love horror films and just don't think the latest teen-age flick does the trick, try this freaky film. "Two thumbs up."

Courtesy of Columbia Pictures

Nicolas Cage stars in the movie 8MM.

"Don't go changing to try and please me." Billy Joel

"Tramps like us, baby we were born to run." Bruce Springsteen

"I'd like to fill the world with silly love songs." Paul McCartney

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Fear No People Week

April 5 - April 10

**(Date) = Weekly Event

Tue. Mar. 30
Interview Skills
Career Services
McGauvran 334
10 a.m.

Tue. Mar. 30
Spring Carnival Booth Meeting
Fox 604
3 p.m.

Tue. Mar. 30 & Wed. Mar. 31
"Meet Joe Black
playing at Cumnock Auditorium
8 p.m.
Free admission for students
Photo Courtesy of Disney

Wed. Mar. 31
Faculty Series
Thomas Stumpf - Piano
Fisher Recital Hall - Durgin
7:30 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 31
Annual Youth Conference on Diversity
Fox MPR
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 31
Info Session on "Fast Track to Teaching" - Prof. Vera Ossen, Coordinator of UML Grad. Program
3rd Floor O'Leary Library
3 p.m.

**Wed. Mar. 31
Daily Mass
5 p.m.
Spaghetti Supper
5:30 p.m.
Catholic Center

Thur. Apr. 1
Deadline for student groups to submit selections or changes to '98-'99 Directory of Diversity Initiatives

Thur. Apr. 1
Talk about Portuguese Culture
Fox 604
6 p.m.

Thur. Apr. 1
Holy Thursday Mass
Catholic Center
7:30 p.m.

Fri. Apr. 2
Good Friday Mass
Catholic Center
7:30 p.m.

Sat. Apr. 3
Easter Vigil Mass
Catholic Center
7:30 p.m.

Mon. Apr. 5
Ensemble Series
Percussion Ensemble
Fisher Recital Hall, Durgin
7:30 p.m.

Mon. Apr. 5
Clothesline Project
McGauvran 2nd Floor
10 - 2 p.m.

Mon. Apr. 5
Diversity Grant available for student club to pick up in Alumni Hall B2

Mon. Apr. 5
Faculty Advising Period Begins

Tue. Apr. 6
Career Question Corner
McGauvran 2nd Floor
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tue. Apr. 6
Resume Writing Workshop
Pasteur 217
10:30 a.m.

Tue. Apr. 6 & Wed. Apr. 7
"Saving Private Ryan"
playing at Cumnock Auditorium
8 p.m.
Free admission for students

Wed. Apr. 7
Chancellor Hogan's Address to the Senior Class
Cumnock Hall
2 p.m.

Wed. Apr. 7
Multi-Faith Conference
Registration: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m.
Conference(diff. parts) till 3 p.m
Coburn 205

Wed. Apr. 7
Multi-Faith Celebration
Fisher Recital Hall, Durgin
3:30 - 5 p.m.

Wed. Apr. 7
Info Session on "Fast Track to Teaching" - Prof. Vera Ossen, Coordinator of UML Grad. Program
Lydon Library Viewing Room
3:30 p.m.

Thur. Apr. 8
Project Concern &
African American Showcase
Cumnock Hall
7 p.m.

Thur. Apr. 8
Faculty Series
William Moylan, Jean Danton, David Martins, & Thomas Stumpf
Durgin Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.

Fri. Apr. 9
Deadline for nominations for Student Activities Recognition Awards
McGauvran 224

Fri. Apr. 9
Applications for Matt Drouin Scholarship Due
McGauvran 224

Fri. Apr. 9
Physical Therapy Club vs Bay State Wheelers in a Wheel Chair Basketball Game
Costello Gym
7:30 p.m.
$3 admission

Fri. Apr. 9
Peace Fest '99
South Campus Quad
4 - 6:30 p.m.

Fri. Apr. 9 & Sat. Apr. 10
"**Rent**", the Musical, will be performed in Durgin by UMass Lowell Students
7:30 p.m.
Tickets at SICs

Sat. Apr. 10
The Safe Colleges Program of the Governor's Commission on Gay & Lesbian Youth
O'Leary 222
10 a.m.

Sat. Apr. 10
9th Annual Clarinet Congress
Fisher Recital Hall & Durgin 113
8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Sat. Apr. 10
Lowell Hunger Clean-up
meet at McGauvran
9 a.m.

Mon. Apr. 12
Ensemble Series
UMass Lowell Studio Orchestra
Durgin Concert Hall
7:30 p.m.

Mon. Apr. 12
Blood Drive
Fox MPR
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tue. Apr. 13
Career Questions Corner
McGauvran 2nd Floor
10 a.m. - Noon

Tsongas Arena Events:
(978) 848-6900

Fri. Apr. 30
Allpro Bull Riders
Championship Finals
7 p.m.
Tickets $16

Sat. May 1
Allpro Bull Riders
Championship Finals
2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Tickets $16

Sat. May 14
Mass Destruction:
The UltimateNight of Fighting
7:30 p.m.
Tickets $25 & $50

Lock Monsters
Tickets $11 - $22

Fri. Apr. 2
vs St. Johns Maple Leafs
7:35 p.m.

Sat. Apr. 3
vs St. Johns Maple Leafs
7:35 p.m.

Fri. Apr. 9
vs Portland Pirates
7:35 p.m.

Fri. Apr. 16
vs Fredericton Canadiens
7:35 p.m.

Sports:
Intramural Sports:

Wed. Mar. 31
Tennis Doubles
Entries Close

Wed. Mar. 31
Badminton Singles/Doubles
Entries Close

Mon. Apr. 5
Weight Lifting
Entries Open

Mon. Apr. 12
Miniature Golf
Entries Open

Meetings:

**Tue. Mar. 30
Art History Club
Coburn Hall 300
4 p.m.

**Tue. Mar. 30
The Connector - Newspaper
Fox 426
6 p.m.

**Tue. Mar. 30
RHA
Fox 501
7:30 p.m.

Tue Mar. 30
Spring Carnival Booth Meeting
Fox 604
3 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 31
Spring Carnival Booth Meeting
McGauvran 334
3 p.m.

Wed. Apr. 7
Off Broadway Players
Mahoney Auditorium
6 p.m.

Off Campus Events:

Sat. Apr. 10
Count Basie Orchestra
Mechanics Hall
321 Main St., Worcester, MA
8 p.m.
call (508)754-3231 for tickets and info

Apr. 14 & Apr. 16 - 18
"To See the Stars"
Wellesley College Theatre
106 Central St. Wellesley, MA
Apr. 14 & 16 - 8 p.m.
Apr. 17 & 18 - 2 p.m.
$10 admission

Apr. 15, 17, 18
"A Musical Cabaret"
Wellesley College Theatre
106 Central St. Wellesley, MA
Apr. 15 & 17 - 8 p.m.
Apr. 18 - 7 p.m.
$12 admission

Boston Celtics:
@ Fleet Center
www.ticketmaster.com

Wed. Mar 31
vs Detroit
7 p.m.

Fri. Apr. 2
vs Milwaukee
7 p.m.

Sun. Apr. 4
vs New Jersey
12:30 p.m.

Wed. Apr. 7
vs Washington
7 p.m.

Fri. Apr. 9
vs Philadelphia
7 p.m.

Sun. Apr. 11
vs Chicago
8 p.m.

Mon. Apr. 12
vs Cleveland
7 p.m.

Wed. Apr. 14
vs Atlanta
7 p.m.

Fri. Apr. 16
vs Miami
8 p.m.

Mon. Apr. 19
vs Indiana
8 p.m.

The Connector

This page of the newspaper is compiled by the calendar editor of *The Connector*. The information is acquired from many sources around campus. If you don't see something in the the calendar that you know about, please submit it or make the editor aware of where he may be able to find it.

Tuesdays
ALL Club Advertisements & Administrative Announcements have a strict **DEADLINE** to *The Connector*, at noon NO exceptions!

Tuesdays
All **Calendar** submissions must be in Connector office by 5 p.m. Can be emailed to
Connector@uml.edu

Tuesdays
The Connector meeting
Fox 426
6 p.m.

Thursdays
All **articles** submitted to *The Connector* . . . **DEADLINE** at 5 p.m.

Tuesdays
The Connector becomes available around campus

whatever X cetera

Ask Marina

Dear Marina,
I am a twenty-year old college student who enjoys going to parties and clubs. Sometimes I like to sample different drugs to enhance my nightly experience. I see no problem with my behavior, but my friends seem to think that I have a problem. I feel as though it is okay, as long as I don't let it get out of control. Please help.
Kaleidoscope Boy.

Dear Kaleidoscope Boy,
Since you did not specify what drugs you were using, I am going to assume the regular types used in club atmospheres; ecstasy, crystal meth, acid, cocaine, and speed. These are not party enhancers; drugs should not be sampled due to their addictive nature. Also, you may put yourself at a high risk of contracting a disease or serious illness, because you don't know the source from which you are making your purchases. It is all too easy for someone to taint or lace a drug with a much more powerful, more addictive drug. Not to mention the fact that you should not need drugs to "enhance your nightly experience." It could be a sign of insecurity inside yourself that causes you to feel inadequate at public places, such as clubs and bars. If you have a self-esteem problem, drugs are not the answer. Try to seek guidance either at the hands of a fellow student, teacher, parent, or professional. As for the drug use, remember that you shouldn't be altering the chemicals in your brain, some effects may prove irreversible.
Be safe.
Marina

Send any personal, work, or etiquette concerns to askmarina@yahoo.com, or Connector@uml.edu, or drop them by the Connector office, Fox 426.

THE 10 SPOT

by Jennifer Gaudet

TOP TEN THINGS TO DO IN COLLEGE

10. Learn to love coffee
9. Penny your neighbors door
8. Learn how to do a keg stand
7. Change your major a dozen times
6. Go through 10 or11 roomates
5. Go to frat. parties Thurs. through Sat.
4. Gain the freshman fifteen
3. Learn how to make your own bowl
2. Join the 5 year plan
1. Hook up with many, many people

Fear no People Week
April 5 - 10th
Stay tuned for details

College Students

by Natalie Duquette
Connector Contributor

Young people—their heads filled with wonderful things
Starting out, "Will I know what to do"?
"Will I take the right subjects to get a good job";
"Can I make it—heart and soul—see it through"?

First year away from home, some will party and play
Lots of homework and books to be read;
Soon a lesson is learned—hard work—not much sleep
Can't play—if you want to get ahead.

Meet new friends—from all over—a few you want to keep;
Time—seems to vanish in thin air
You learn to handle these things as you open your mind
Not home often but "so great" when you're there.

Sometimes there are setbacks, you get sick—miss some days
Hate a class and you want to get out;
Make some changes—find your "niche"-"a routine"
so much better,
See an end in the tunnel—heart afloat.

Finally settling down—study hard—have some fun
Pick a MAJOR—some Minors—as you see—
What YOU "want to do"—Get in there and FIGHT
For Graduation Day—when YOU get your DEGREE!!!!!!!!!

Rob's Quotes of the Week

Compiled by Rob Velella
Connector Staff

"Don't put off till tomorrow what can be put off till day after tomorrow just as well."

"Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society."

-Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens)

Note from Rob: Apologies to all my loyal fans who missed out on the complete version of my feature. Due to space constraints, the Connector was unable to print in full Rob's Quotes of the Week in its March 23 issue.

A Woman of Note

by Kristen Sardynski
Connector Editor

Kay George Roberts, a UMass Lowell music professor, was recently guest conductor at the Greater Bridgeport Symphony's performance of "From A to Z" in Connecticut.

Roberts has also been a guest conductor for the Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Louisville, and Detroit Symphony orchestras during her remarkable career.

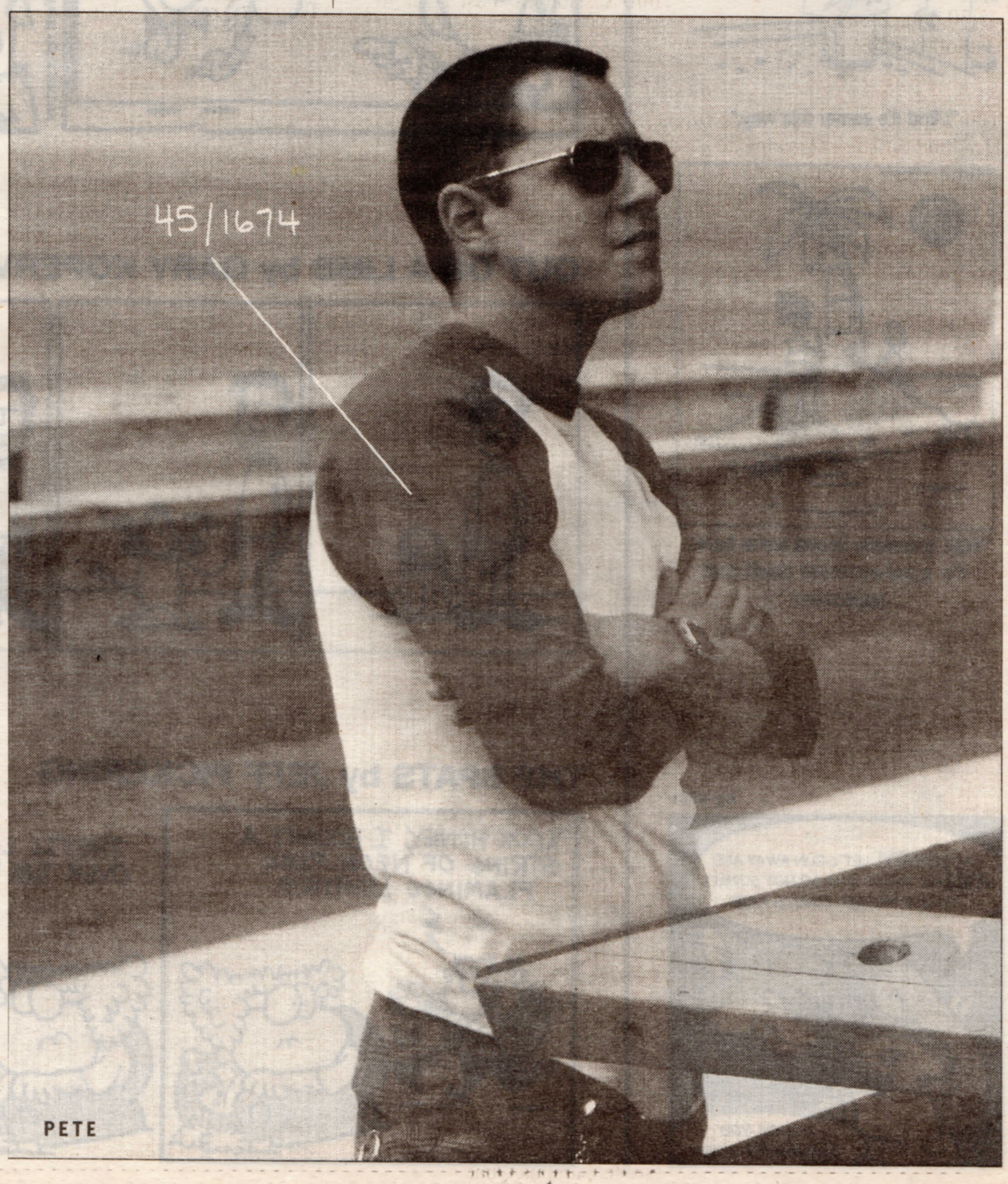
Roberts was raised in Nashville, Tennessee. She began playing violin in "The Cremona Strings," and by her senior year in high school she became one of the youngest members ever in the Nashville Symphony Orchestra.

She graduated from Fisk University, where her father headed the psychology department, and earned a master's degree in violin performance from Yale University. As her focus changed to conducting, she continued her education at Yale and in 1986 became the first woman to receive a doctorate in orchestral conducting.

Roberts is currently the conductor of the Black Music Repertory ensemble of Chicago which performs classical music written by African-American composers.

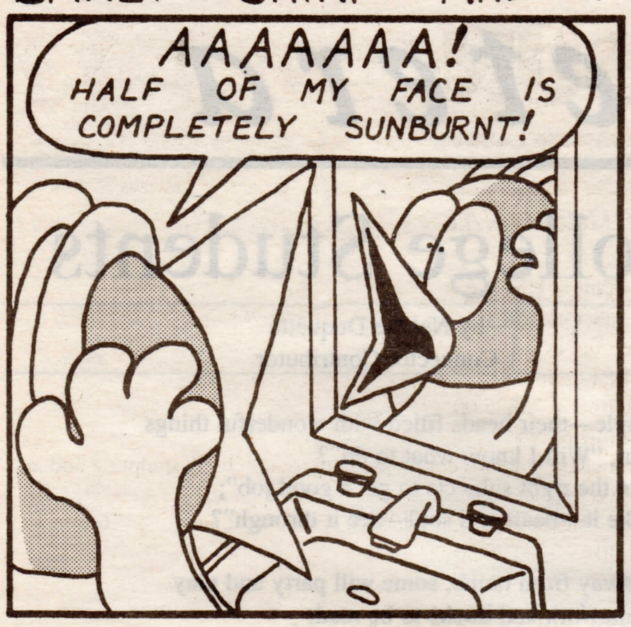
Her newest undertaking is music director of "String Currents," a new chamber orchestra concentrating on works of American composers who represent cultural diversity in America.

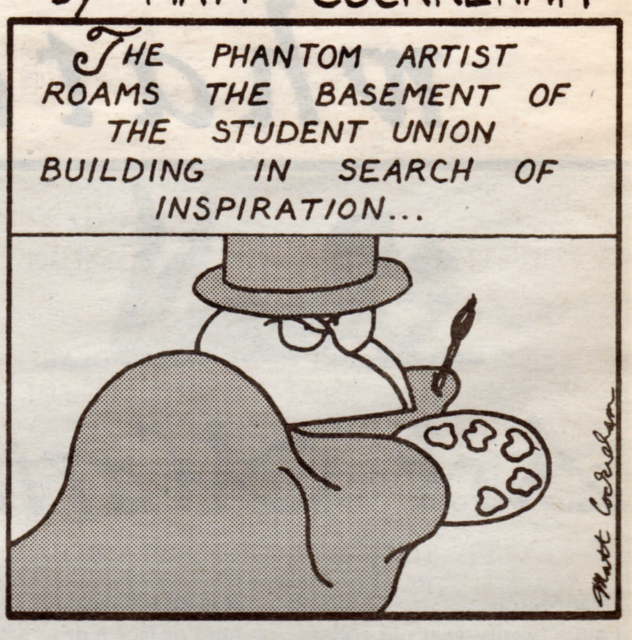
On Tuesday April 6, 1999 an Easter Egg Hunt for underpriveleged children will be held at Fox Hall. Volunteers to assist with the festivities would be greatly appreciated.
If interested please contact: Brad Duquette @x5015 or the Fox Hall office @x5146.
Thank you.



EARLY CHIRP AND FRIENDS

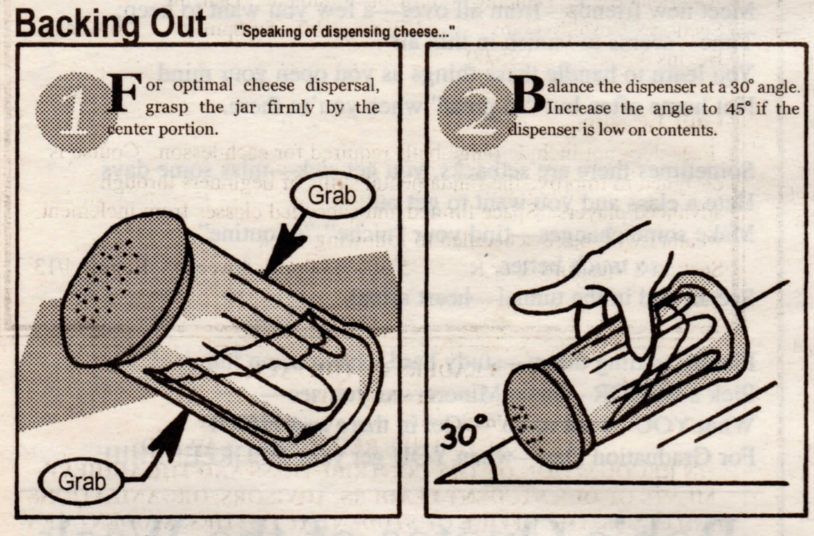
by MATT COCKREHAM





Backing Out

"Speaking of dispensing cheese..."



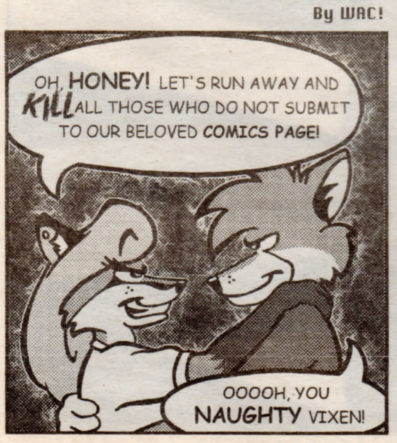
DO NOT SHAKE

Marc Leveille 3 - 30 - 99

"I find it's easier this way."

"Well, someone knows we're here... it's a pre-approved credit card application."

By WAC!



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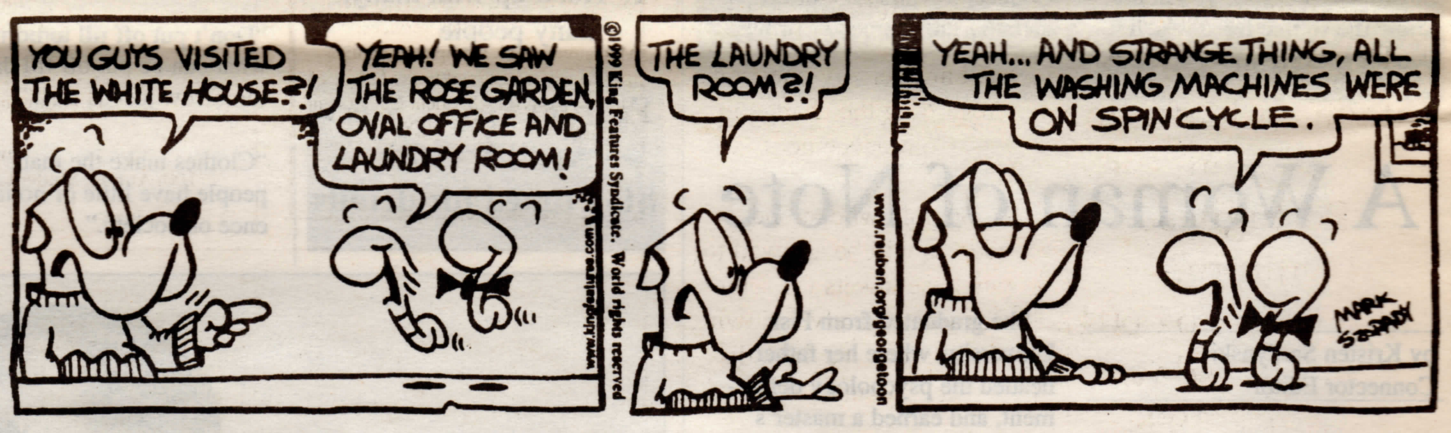
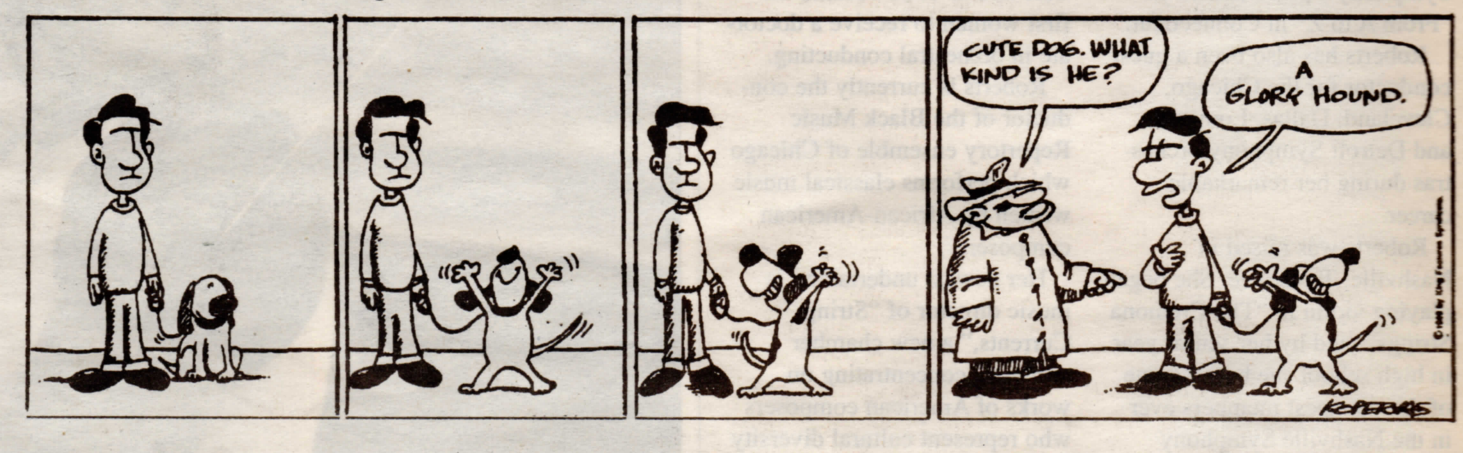


OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS
STUDENT GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR 1999/2000

CLUB FUNDING PACKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1999 AT THE NORTH, SOUTH AND FOX S.I.C.'S AND THE S.G.A. OFFICE IN FOX 411. YOUR CLUB MUST FILL OUT ONE OF THESE PACKETS IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING DURING 1999/2000. THE S.G.A. PROVIDES FUNDING ON A LIMITED BASIS FOR ALL CLUBS THAT ARE REGISTERED AND HAVE A VALID CONSTITUTION ON FILE WITH THE S.GA. OFFICE. THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING THE PACKET IS FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1999 AT 4:00 P.M. IN FOX 411.

ANNUAL WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL GAME

When: April 9, 1999
7:30 pm
Where: Costello Gym
Cost: $3
Raffle and Refreshments!

Are you interested in celebrating Portuguese heritage, or learning more about the Portuguese culture?
Join us in Fox 604 on Thursday, April 1, 1999 @ 6 pm

Chancellor's Address to the Senior Class

April 7th

Will answer any questions regarding the change in Commencement.

* Seniors who attend the address will be allowed to purchase tickets for senior week immediately following the address at a 10% discount.

Paul J. Stanton
Class President 1999

THE MATTHEW JAMES DROUIN SCHOLARSHIP

The Matthew James Drouin Scholarship has been created by the University of Massachusetts Lowell in recognition of the unique contributions made to the University community by Matt Drouin during his undergraduate years at the University.

A member of the Class of 1995, Matthew J. Drouin became aware of his own sexuality during his early years at the University. As a consequence, he learned valuable lessons about bigotry, hatred, and exclusion by society.

In particular, Matt experienced discrimination in the policies of the Air Force and Army ROTC programs on campus. Matt and several of his friends, both heterosexual and homosexual, began sponsoring educational programs on the Lowell campus as well as at other colleges and universities in the area. These programs were not intended to change the beliefs of other people or to make them understand homosexuality, but instead were intended to promote open discussion of differences and to build respect among diverse people.

By creating the Matthew James Drouin Scholarship, the University hopes to promote a healthy learning environment that respects personal and cultural differences and encourages a free and open exchange of ideas.

Recipients of the Matt Drouin Scholarship will receive a full waiver of all tuition and fee responsibilities for the 1999-2000 academic year.

Applications are available for this scholarship beginning the week of March 8 and are due no later than April 9th. Applications are available in the Office of Student Services - Cumnock Hall, North Campus, Student Government Office, Fox Hall and the Office of Student Activities, Student Centers and Commuter Services, McGauvran 224. Completed applications must be returned to the Office of Student Activities, Student Centers and Commuter Services ONLY.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM SPRING 1999

Cardio Kick - Boxing
A non-contact sport that is a great way to not only stay in shape, but to have some fun as well.
Section 1 Costello Gym T/R 6:00 - 7:00pm 6 weeks
Begins 3/30 $25.00

Body Conditioning
Courses include aerobics combined with toning, body sculpting and an emphasis on legs and abs.
Section 2 Costello Gym M/W 5:00 - 6:00pm 6 weeeks
Begins 3/30 $20.00

Dance and Body Conditioning
the program is both educational and fun, and gives the students a gained sense of what dance can do for your body, mind and soul. The types of dance will include Russian Czardas and Mazurka Dances, American Swing Dancing and Spanish Flamenco Dancing
Section 9 Costello Gym M/W 4:00 - 5:00pm 6 weeks
Begins 4/5 $25.00

Golf Lessons
Fees does not include range balls required for each lesson. Course is designed to improve the fundamental skills of beginners through advanced players. Space limited and cancelled classes from inclement weather will be re-scheduled to following week
Section 8 Westford T or R 5:30 - 6:00pm 4 weeks Begins 4/13
$40.00

LEADERS OF THE PACK STAND OUT!!
Nominations are now available for the
STUDENT ACTIVITIES RECOGNITION AWARDS
IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR STUDENT LEADERS, ADVISORS, ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS, THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES, STUDENT CENTERS AND COMMUTER SERVICES SPONSORS THE FOLLOWING RECOGNITION AWARDS:
Student Organization Advisor of the Year
Emerging Student Leader of the Year
Student Leader of the Year
Student Organization of the Year
Individual Program of the Year
Co-Sponsored Program of the Year

Forms are available in the SIC's.
Deadline for Nominations: Friday, April 9, 1999

Awards will be presented at the 10th Annual Student Activities Recognition Banquet on May 6, 1999. Save the Date!

Alcohol, from page 1

Lowell department of Public information, told the Lowell Sun, "If you completely banned it they're more likely to go out and drink and perhaps get into trouble. The students here have the civil rights to do what there're allowed to do as long as they're acting legally and responsibly."

Jacob Horowitz, a UMass student, blamed current difficulties on the American perception of alcohol. "The whole problem with alcohol in this country is it is a taboo," said Horowitz. He added that Europeans have less problems with alcohol in their countries because it is "part of the culture."

When asked about the bill, UMass students expressed anger. One anonymous student said, "Because I am 21 I can't have any alcohol in my room whatsoever… I just turned 21. It's my right."

Students also believed that banning alcohol would just move the drinking off campus. When asked if the current policy on alcohol prevents underage drinking, one student said, "I don't think it stops it. I don't think it encourages it or discourages it."

This is not the first time the state has considered banning alcohol from campus. Last year when banning alcohol on campus was considered there were rallies at UMass Amherst to protest any possible ban. The Mount Holyoke News suggests however that this rally was premature. The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education voted to continue the current state policies on alcohol.

The bill originally contained provisions for banning smoking on campus as well. According to the Massachusetts Daily Collegiate, the smoking provision was shelved in committee because of civil liberties issues and the fact that students who would move off campus to avoid the ban would hurt revenues.

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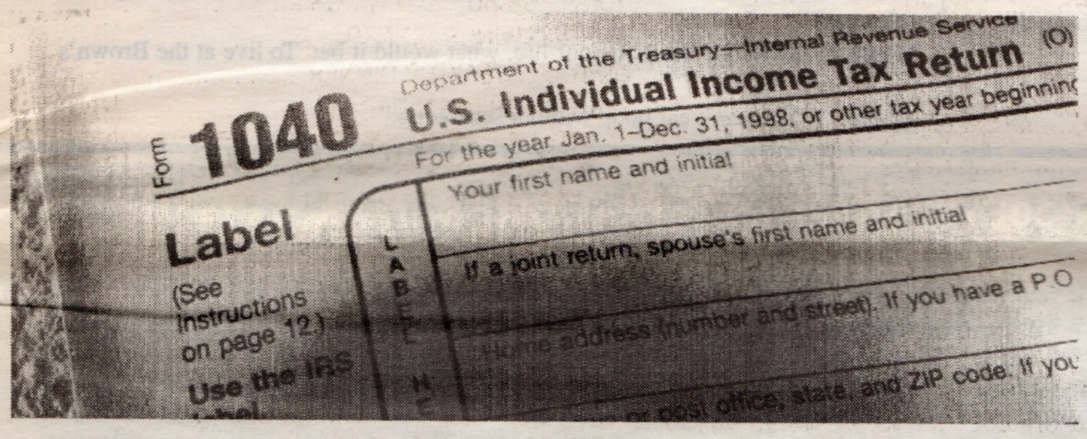

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Sports Spotlight

by Melissa Sullivan
Connector Staff

Katie Barber

Year: Sophomore
Sport: Softball
Position: Pitcher
Hometown: Lynn
High School: Lynn Classical
Major: Undeclared Liberal Arts
Nickname: Barber (BaBa), KB or whatever Amanda wants to call me.
Favorite Pro Team: Atlanta Braves
Favorite Athlete: Chipper Jones
Favorite Actor: Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis
Favorite Actress: Julia Roberts
Favorite Movie: Armageddon, Ace Ventura, Something about Mary
Favorite Singer Dru Hill, Jamie and Heidi doing Karaoke (Grease)
Favorite Meal: Mac and Cheese
Favorite TV Show: Friends
Hobbies: Playing video games with Rachel and working out
What do you do to relax: Hanging out in 204 with the girls
Memorable moment at UMass Lowell: Party in 204 and when 202 stole all our furniture
Biggest Wish: To make it to ECAC's
Best part of your sports career at UMass Lowell: Winning 10 games last season
Best part of your sport: The Team
Hopes for the future: To get a good job and make alot of money

Three famous people you would invite to dinner: Ben, Jim Carrey, and K. Botto (My Catcher)
One famous event in history you would have like to have been at:
If you could do one thing in your life, what would it be: Play Pro Softball or in the Olympics

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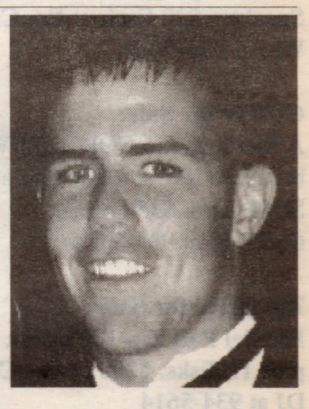

Year: Senior
Sport: Baseball
Position: Outfield/ DH
Hometown: Billerica
High School: Billerica High School
Major: Criminal Justice
Nickname: Lumpy and poop
Favorite Pro Team: New York Yankees
Favorite Athlete: Dana D'Agostino
Favorite Actor: Jim "Squirrel" Peloquin
Favorite Actress: Buffy
Favorite Movie: Breakfast Club
Favorite Singer Empire
Favorite Meal: Bagels, tonic and Doritios
Favorite TV Show: Seinfeld
Hobbies: Golf, Boxhead
What do you do to relax: Sit at the Browns, woopie and sip cocktails
Memorable moment at UMass Lowell: Hitting the homerun against Stonybrook last year
Biggest Wish: To go to Alabama and World Series for Coach Stone and K.C.
Best part of your sports career at UMass Lowell: Going to the Regionals and winning a championship every year.
Best part of your sport: Hitting a ball and knowing it is a homerun
Hopes for the future: Getting married to *Stephanie*, have kids, have lots of money and to be just like the squirrel.
Three famous people you would invite to dinner: Dennis Rodman, Hugh Hefner and Dave McNeil
One famous event in history you would have like to have been at: Conception of the "Squirrel"
If you could do one thing in your life, what would it be: To live at the Brown's

Quote: " You can't eat poop without seasoning."

Instructional programs provided by Rec Sports

Section: 1
Cardio-Kickboxing
A non-contact sport that is a great way to not only stay in shape, but to have fun as well
Location: Costello Gym Days: T/R Time: 6-7pm # Weeks: 6 Start: 3/30
Fee: $25

Section 2
Body Conditioning
Course includes aerobics combined with toning, body sculpting, and an emphasis on legs and abs.
Location: Costello Gym Days: M/W Time: 5-6pm # Weeks: 6 Start: 3/30
Fee: $20

Section 3
Nutrition and Training Lessons
Learn how to eat properly and start out with weight training, proper diet, and fitness tips. The Rec Sports office runs this program to help people start programs that can help you change to a healthier lifestyle. The course will be custom made to fit your needs and skill level.
Location: Costello Gym
Days/Time: By Appointment
Weeks: 6 Start: 3/22
Fee: $10

Section 6
Hiking
A one day trip. An instructor who will provide written materials and a list of basic equipment. Transportation will be provided. Transportation will leave from and return to Fox Hall.
Location: Mt. Monadnock Days: Sat Time: 8am # Weeks: 1 Start: 5/8
Fee: $5

Section 7
Canoeing Trip
A one-day canoe trip will be run through the Rec Sports office.
Location: Boathouse Days: Sun Time: 11am-12pm
Weeks: 1 Start: 5/9
Fee: $10

Section 8
Golf Lessons
Fee does not include range balls required for each lesson. Course is designed to improve the fundamental skills of beginners through advanced players. Space is limited and cancelled classes from inclement weather will be re-scheduled to the following week.
Location: Westford Days: T or R Time: 5:30-6pm # Weeks: 4 Start: 4/13
Fee: $40

Section 9
Dance and Body Conditioning
The program is both educational and fun, and gives the students a gained sense of what dance can do for your body, mind and soul. The types of dance will include Russian Czardas and Mazurka Dances, American Swing Dancing, and Spanish Flamenco Dancing.
Location: Costello Gym Days: M/W Time: 4-5pm # Weeks: 6 Start: 4/5
Fee: $25

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Clarke, from back page

whoop-ass with him every time he steps up to the plate. The two will split time behind the dish, and Babbitt will probably see his share of late game pinch hitting roles as well.

The only question mark in the preseason hangs above the pitchers mound. Last year's number one and two starters both graduated, leaving a young and relatively inexperienced staff behind. Sophomores **Jamie "Powder" Mandell** and **Nate Linstad** will take over the 1-2 positions, leaving tall men **John Morris** and **Tom Clarke** (both seniors) to battle for the number 3 and 4 spots. A host of others, including sophomore lefty **Alex Mojica**, junior knuckle-baller **Matt Stone**, or sophomore **John Sexton**, could fill the 5 slot. Last year's number three man **Matt Marenghi** has had some arm trouble, but is looking to return to top form and reclaim his starting position.

The Hawks hope to host the NCAA regional tournament again this year, as they did last year. They will play arguably their toughest schedule ever this spring, as many teams wanted to come and play in the new LeLacheur Park. Hopefully the increased competition level will prepare the team for a trip to Montgomery, Alabama to compete in the World Series, the ultimate goal for every Division II team.

Track, from back page

hurdles, sprints, and jumps. Indoor All-American Towlson will no doubt put an exclamation point on her brilliant 4-year career. Seniors Kevin Andriolo and Brendan Finn also hope to cap off their final season with strong performances.

The most highly anticipated meets of the season, are trips to Philadelphia for the prestigious Penn relays, the largest track meet in the world, and the George Mason Invitational in Fairfax, VA. Of course, everyone hopes to end their season in Emporia, Kansas at the Division II National Championships.

Sports at a glance

SOFTBALL

GAGNON, REGULA EARN NECC HONORS

The UMass Lowell softball team returned home from a week in Florida with a 6-3 record. The River Hawks showed some good potential in winning some key games and put up some big numbers in the process. Sarah Gagnon (Hudson, NH) was named NECC Player of the Week for her performances in Florida. She batted .517 with a team leading 13 RBI's. Freshman Becky Regula (Hudson, NH) was named Rookie the Week. She batted .452 on the week with 14 hits, including three home runs.

In the first game of the season, UML came out of the gate strong with an 18-4 win over St. Thomas. Gagnon went 4-4 in this game, scoring three runs and having six RBI's. She had a double and a three-run homer. Danielle Bretton (Haverhill, MA) pitched four strong innings to get the win for the River Hawks.

UML followed up the impressive season opener with a 5-1 win over Wesleyan. Kristine Botto (Lowell, MA) had an impressive game as she went 2-3, scored two runs, and stole two bases. Danielle Barber (Lynn, MA) pitched four strong innings, giving up just two hits, and one run.

On Tuesday, UML played Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The River Hawks were no hit and lost 2-0. Barber pitched another good game, going 5 2/3 innings, giving up five hits and two runs. The next game UML faced Salem State. It was down 6-0 in the second inning but came back to score five runs but Salem State proved to be too much in the end in a 6-5 loss. Botto again had a good game as she went 3-4 and scored a run. Felicity Dickenson (Chelmsford, MA) pitched 51/3 innings of strong relief giving up just three hits and not allowing a run.

After losing two games in the morning, the River Hawks came back with a 9-1 win over Babson in their third game of the day. Regula went 3-3 with two runs scored and one RBI. Freshman Jessica Harvey (Mystic, Conn.) had four RBI's in this game.

UML would next face Gettysburg in a slugfest which it won 11-9. UML scored six runs in the first inning but Gettysburg answered with 9 runs in the 3rd. UML showed resilience and came back for the win. Regula was again the offensive catalyst in this game as she had two home runs. Bretton got the win in relief and Rachel Ronnquist (Westborough, MA) picked up a save.

UML then took on Teiko Post later in the day. It dropped a close 5-3 decision. UML scored two runs in the seventh inning to make the game close but Teikyo Post held on for the win.

UML had a pair of games on Thursday to close out the Florida trip. In the first game they beat Keene State 4-3. Botto went 2-3 with a run scored and Gagnon had two RBI's. Barber pitched five innings, giving up four hits and two runs.

UML won the last game of the trip 6-3 against Aurora. Botto went 2-2 with two runs scored. Dickenson got the win on the mound for the River Hawks.

The young River Hawks had a good showing in Florida. Sarah Gagnon is leading the team in hitting, batting .517. She has 15 hits in 29 at bats. Kristine Botto is second on the team in hitting batting .500. Becky Regula leads the team with three homers. Both Danielle Bretton and Katie Barber have two wins.

UML was scheduled to play Assumption yesterday, but the game has been postponed, and may be played Thursday. Wednesday's games at Saint Anselm have also been postponed.

TENNIS

TENNIS DROPS MATCH AGAINST ASSUMPTION

The UML men's tennis team fell to 0-2 as it dropped a 9-0 decision to Assumption, which remained undefeated. The River Hawks did not win a set against the powerful Greyhounds, who are ranked 17th in the country. UML will swing back into action on Thursday with its home opener vs. Salem State at 3:30p.m.

CREW

CREW OPENER THIS WEEKEND

The UML crew team will open its season this weekend with a meet against Connecticut College, Simmons, and Mt. Holyoke.

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The UMass Lowell women's crew team out on the Merrimack

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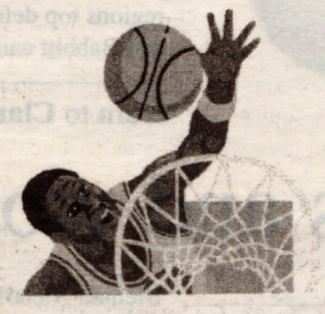

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Back on the diamond

Baseball ready to take the field

by Tom Clarke
Connector Contributor

The 1999 River Hawk baseball team is off to a flying start this year, and have been ranked as high as 19th in the country in the NCAA Division II polls. The River Hawks look to have another strong season for head coach Jim Stone, as they return six starters in the field, and two of last spring's top four pitchers. The Hawks will be led by senior co-captains **Jim "Squirrel" Peloquin** at second base (or third base, and maybe sometimes shortstop, depending on coach Stone's mood) and **Glen Magnan**, who will be primarily be looked upon to swing a big stick in the designated hitter slot, but will also see time in the outfield.

The infield should be solid again this spring with the return of sophomore shortstop/vacuum **Jon Cahill**, and junior slugger **Dana D'Agostino** at first base.

Both started for last year's 30-9 club, and should work well with Peloquin and new third baseman **Kris Fourtzialis**. Fourtzialis brings a cannon of an arm to the "hot corner", and should pose an offensive threat in the middle of the batting order. Sophomore **Evan Greene** should also see time at second base, and will add a left-handed bat to the lineup.

Newcomer **Lenny Carter**, a sophomore transfer from Northern Essex, will most likely prowl centerfield for the Hawks this spring. Junior **James "Rover" Pelland** and sophomore **Matty Petros** will cover the fielding duties in left, and Pelland also will look to establish himself as the leadoff hitter. Either Magnan or senior **Tom Fratto** will roam right field. Fratto hits bombs. Look for him in or around the clean-up position in the batting order. **David "Shaq" McNeil** also returns to the outfield in either left or center.

Coach Stone will have a healthy dilemma behind the plate again this spring, as both junior **Mark Babbitt** and sophomore **Dave HARNE!** return. Harne has established himself quickly as one of the regions top defensive catchers, and Babbitt carries a can of

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File Photo

This picture from last season shows the green grass and sunshine at LeLacheur Field

Sweet sound of success

by Tom Clarke
Connector Contributor

"Every morning there's a halo hanging from the corner of my girlfriend's four post bed." This was the tune that the entire USAir flight 2672 was treated to last Saturday night as the UML baseball team broke out into chorus singing their "trip song" on the plane home from their annual Florida trip.

The 'Hawks had plenty to sing about as they posted a 6-2 record, the best ever in head coach Jim Stone's 24 years of making the journey to Florida. Lowell opened up the spring by grabbing back-to-back wins over Assumption College (11-4) and perennial Division II powerhouse St. Leo College (19-7), before facing their first setback at the hands of the University of Tampa (15-3), the defending Division II national champions. The River Hawks split their next two decisions, beating Fitchburg State College handily (16-3), and falling to Eckerd College (7-4) in what turned out to be a very close game.

UML then decided that losing was no longer an option, and swept the final three games in Florida with wins over NAIA super-power Cumberland University (4-3), Division I Army (4-3), and local rival Merrimack College (9-3). Two of the last three games were won in dramatic fashion, as the River Hawks came from behind to knock off Cumberland and Army, both on the shoulders of 8th inning two run homeruns. UML will hope to continue their winning ways when they take to the field at LeLacheur park beginning, weather permitting, on March 23 against Merrimack College. Admission is FREE, so come on down and support YOUR team.

Men's and women's track prepare to step outside

by Casey Lerner
Connector Contributor

The spring has arrived, as the UMass Lowell men's and women's track teams leave the confines of the indoor facilities to brave the wide-open spaces of outdoor track. The River Hawk harriers hope to build on their indoor success by negotiating a grueling schedule that spans nine consecutive weeks.

Anticipation is abound as Melissa Nicholls eyes the school record in the discus at 130 ft. The question is not if the record will fall, but when. Freshmen Mike Paige and Mary Ellen Garland get their first look at the 400-meter hurdles, after four years of the 300-meter equivalent in high school. Paige looks to fill the void left by three-time New England Champion, Liam Govostes. With help from hurdle coach, Cynthia McGlauphlin, Paige has been improving his technique and timing in one of the sports most difficult events.

Freshman Jason Wright will see his first collegiate competition after red-shirting his initial indoor season because of a nagging hamstring injury. Coupled with the return of senior All-American Mike Suchecki, there will be some intense competition in practice as 7 or 8 sprinters vie for highly coveted spots on the 4 x 400 meter relay team.

Miler Steve Langis returns from injury hoping to contribute to the team's middle and long distances while on the women's side, captain Jaime Gleason also hopes to shake the injury-bug that kept her out of the indoor season. Perennial record-breakers Erica Towlson and Jill Croft turn their attention to the outdoor record book, covering the

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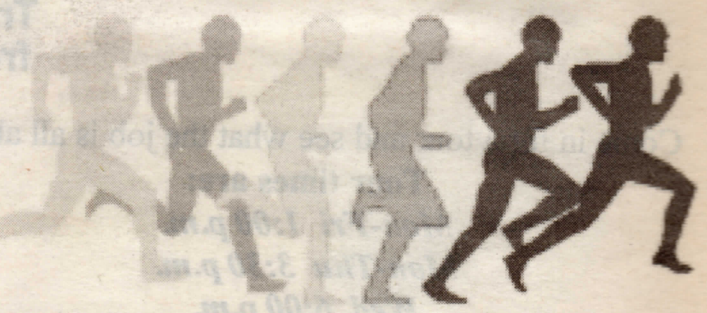

Scores

Scoreboard not available this week. It will return next week, our apologies for the inconvenience.

Upcoming River Hawk matches

Baseball:
3/30 vs. Adelphi University 3pm
3/31 vs. Albany (DH) 1pm
4/3 @ Stonybrook (DH) Noon

Softball:
3/30 @ AIC 2:30pm
3/31 vs. Albany 2pm
4/3 @ Stonybrook Noon
4/5 vs. Bentley 3pm

For upcoming events, call the Hawk Line at **934-HAWK**

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